

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6393–S6473*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-five bills and twelve resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3553–3577, and S. Res. 559–570. **Pages S6453–55**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2071, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps. (S. Rept. No. 112–212)

S. 76, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to investigate and address cancer and disease clusters, including in infants and children. (S. Rept. No. 112–213)

S. 357, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to identify and declare wildlife disease emergencies and to coordinate rapid response to those emergencies, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 112–214)

S. 1494, to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 112–215)

S. 2156, to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, to set prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 112–216)

S. 2282, to extend the authorization of appropriations to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2017. (S. Rept. No. 112–217)

S. 134, to authorize the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease adjudicated water rights. (S. Rept. No. 112–218)

S. 3315, to repeal or modify certain mandates of the Government Accountability Office, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 112–219)

S. 3341, to require a quadrennial diplomacy and development review. (S. Rept. No. 112–220)

S. Res. 466, calling for the release from prison of former Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia

Tymoshenko, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 516, expressing the sense of the Senate on the restitution of or compensation for property seized during the Nazi and Communist eras.

S. Res. 543, to express the sense of the Senate on international parental child abduction, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. 645, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1440, to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3391, to amend section 353 of the Public Health Service Act with respect to suspension, revocation, and limitation of laboratory certification.

S. 3566, to provide for scientific frameworks with respect to recalcitrant cancers.

S. 3568, to create a Citrus Disease Research and Development Trust Fund to support research on diseases impacting the citrus industry, to renew and modify the temporary duty suspensions on certain cotton shirting fabrics, and to modify and extend the Wool Apparel Manufacturers Trust Fund.

S. Con. Res. 50, expressing the sense of Congress regarding actions to preserve and advance the multi-stakeholder governance model under which the Internet has thrived. **Page S6451**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Health Information Technology Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 562, designating the week beginning on September 10, 2012 and ending on September 14, 2012 as “National Health Information Technology Week” to recognize the value of health information technology in improving health quality. **Pages S6469–70**

**National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 563, designating December 3, 2012, as “National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day”. **Page S6470**

**National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 564, designating the month of October 2012 as “National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month”. **Page S6470**

**National Day on Writing:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 565, expressing support for the designation of October 20, 2012, as the “National Day on Writing”. **Pages S6470–71**

**National Estuaries Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 566, designating September 29, 2012, as “National Estuaries Day”. **Page S6471**

**Honoring the Life of George Hickman:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 567, honoring the life and career of George Hickman. **Page S6471**

**National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 568, designating the week beginning September 16, 2012, as “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week”. **Page S6471**

**National Character Counts Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 569, designating the week beginning October 21, 2012, as “National Character Counts Week”. **Pages S6471–72**

**National Parents as Teachers Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 570, designating November 8, 2012, as “National Parents as Teachers Day”. **Page S6472**

**Honoring the Contributions of Lodi Gyaltzen Gyari:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 557, honoring the contributions of Lodi Gyaltzen Gyari as Special Envoy of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and in promoting the legitimate rights and aspirations of the Tibetan people, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S6472–73**

#### Measures Considered:

**Family and Business Tax Cut Certainty Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3521, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions. **Page S6393**

Subsequently, Senator Reid withdrew the motion to proceed. **Page S6393**

**Veterans Jobs Corps Act:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S6395–S6405**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2810 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2789), to change the enactment date. **Page S6395**

Reid Amendment No. 2811 (to Amendment No. 2810), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6395**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Veterans Affairs, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2812, to change the enactment date. **Page S6395**

Reid Amendment No. 2813 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2812), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6395**

Reid Amendment No. 2814 (to Amendment No. 2813), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6395**

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

By 58 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 193), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and the applicable sections of that Act with respect to consideration of Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789, in the nature of a substitute. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation pursuant to Section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S6396–S6404**

Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789, in the nature of a substitute, fell when the point of order was sustained against the amendment. **Page S6395**

Reid Amendment No. 2808 (to Amendment No. 2789), to change the enactment date, fell when Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789 fell. **Page S6395**

Reid Amendment No. 2809 (to Amendment No. 2808), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 2808 (to Amendment No. 2789) fell. **Page S6395**

Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789 was withdrawn. **Page S6405**

Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on the bill was withdrawn. **Page S6405**

Subsequently, the bill was returned to the Senate Calendar. **Page S6405**

**Continuing Appropriations Resolution—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.J. Res. 117, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2013. **Pages S6405–22**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution, 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, September 13, 2012, a vote on cloture will occur at 2:15 p.m., Wednesday, September 19, 2012. **Page S6405**

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

By 76 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 194), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S6405**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2 p.m., on Thursday, September 20, 2012, all post-cloture time on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution, be considered expired, and Senate vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution, and that following the vote, the Majority Leader be recognized. **Page S6473**

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

Joseph Eldridge, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years.

George E. Moose, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years.

Sylvia M. Becker, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for the term expiring September 30, 2013.

Keith Kelly, of Montana, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

Bibiana Boerio, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Mint for a term of five years.

Beth J. Rosenberg, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Robert F. Godec, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya.

Cheryl Saban, of California, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-seventh Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Caitlin Joan Halligan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Jennifer A. Dorsey, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

Andrew Patrick Gordon, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

Michael J. McShane, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

Derek Anthony West, of California, to be Associate Attorney General.

Frederick Vollrath, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

A routine list in the Coast Guard. **Page S6473**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—194) **Pages S6404–05, S6405**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:25 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6473.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 7,276 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

### AMERICA COMPETES ACT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine five years of the "America COMPETES Act", focusing on progress, challenges, and next steps, after receiving testimony from Carl Wieman, University of Colorado Boulder, and Norman R. Augustine, both of Bethesda, Maryland; Jeffrey L. Furman, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts; Peter Lee, Microsoft Research, Redmond, Washington; and John L. Winn, National Math and Science Initiative, Dallas, Texas.

### WATER AND POWER BILLS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 3265, to amend the Federal Power Act to remove the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to collect land use fees for land that has been sold, exchanged, or otherwise transferred from Federal ownership but that is subject to a power site reservation, H.R. 2842, to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydro-power development under Federal Reclamation law, S. 3464, to amend the Mni Wiconi Project Act of

1988 to facilitate completion of the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System, and S. 3483, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, after receiving testimony from Senator Merkley; Representative Tipton; Grayford F. Payne, Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Administration and Budget, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and John Katz, Deputy Associate General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine nomination of Robert Stephen Beecroft, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Department of State, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 2215, to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2318, to authorize the Secretary of State to pay a reward to combat transnational organized crime and for information concerning foreign nationals wanted by international criminal tribunals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3310, to direct the President, in consultation with the Department of State, United States Agency for International Development, Millennium Challenge Corporation, and the Department of Defense, to establish guidelines for United States foreign assistance programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3331, to provide for universal intercountry adoption accreditation standards;

S. 3341, to require a quadrennial diplomacy and development review;

S. Con. Res. 50, expressing the sense of Congress regarding actions to preserve and advance the multi-stakeholder governance model under which the Internet has thrived;

S. Res. 516, expressing the sense of the Senate on the restitution of or compensation for property seized during the Nazi and Communist eras;

S. Res. 466, calling for the release from prison of former Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 543, to express the sense of the Senate on international parental child abduction, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Richard G. Olson, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Joseph E. Macmanus, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, Walter North, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, Sharon English Woods Villarosa, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, Dawn M. Liberi, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, and Stephen D. Mull, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, all of the Department of State, John Hardy Isakson, of Georgia, and Patrick J. Leahy, of Vermont, both to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-seventh Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and lists in the Foreign Service.

#### HOMELAND THREATS AND AGENCY RESPONSES

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine homeland threats and agency responses, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security; Matthew G. Olsen, Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Robert S. Mueller, III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

#### INVESTING IN AN EFFECTIVE FEDERAL WORKFORCE

*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 investing in an effective Federal workforce, focusing on how effectively implementing reforms and closing critical skills gaps are key to addressing Federal workforce challenges, after receiving testimony from John Berry, Director, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, J. David Cox, Sr., American Federation of Government Employees, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations

(AFL–CIO), Max Stier, Partnership for Public Service, and William L. Bransford, Government Managers Coalition, all of Washington, DC.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3391, to amend section 353 of the Public Health Service Act with respect to suspension, revocation, and limitation of laboratory certification;

An original bill (S. 3566) entitled, “Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act of 2012”;

S. 1440, to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

Nomination lists in the Public Health Service.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Katherine Polk Failla, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Pamela Ki Mai Chen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and Mark A. Barnett, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, each introduced by Senator Schumer, Troy L. Nunley, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, who was introduced by Senator Feinstein, and Sheri Polster Chappell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, who was introduced by Senator Nelson (FL), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### HATE CRIMES AND DOMESTIC EXTREMISM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights to examine hate crimes and the threat of domestic extremism, after receiving testimony from Scott McAllister, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; Roy L. Austin, Jr., Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, and Michael A. Clancy, Deputy Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; Daryl Johnson, DT Analytics, Washington, DC; James B. Jacobs, New York University School of Law, New York, New York; and Harpreet Singh Saini, Oak Creek, Wisconsin.

### ELIMINATING WASTE AND FRAUD IN MEDICARE

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine eliminating waste and fraud in Medicare, focusing on an examination of prior authorization requirements for power mobility devices, after receiving testimony from Deborah Taylor, Chief Financial Officer and Director, Office of Financial Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Paul Hughes, Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractor, Lexington, South Carolina; Stephen T. Peake, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee, Chattanooga; Michael B. Clark, The SCOOTER Store, New Braunfels, Texas; and Jerome Epplin, Litchfield Family Practice Center, Litchfield, Illinois, on behalf of the American Geriatrics Society.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 6430–6443; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 789–792 were introduced. **Pages H6150–51**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H6151–52**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5948, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–678);

H.R. 6194, to ensure the viability and competitiveness of the United States agricultural sector (H. Rept. 112–679); and

H. Res. 788, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 118) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Family Assistance of the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to waiver and expenditure authority under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) with respect to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3409) to

limit the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations before December 31, 2013, under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977; and providing for proceedings during the period from September 22, 2012, through November 12, 2012 (H. Rept. 112–680). **Page H6150**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Womack to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6071**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H6073**

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

***Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Extension Act of 2012:*** H.R. 6060, to amend Public Law 106–392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2019; **Pages H6074–75**

***Mescalero Apache Tribe Leasing Authorization Act:*** H.R. 1461, amended, to authorize the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease adjudicated water rights; **Pages H6075–76**

***Allowing the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to determine the requirements for membership in that tribe:*** H.R. 3319, amended, to allow the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to determine the requirements for membership in that tribe; **Page H6076**

***Honoring the four United States public servants who died in Libya and condemning the attacks on United States diplomatic facilities in Libya, Egypt, and Yemen:*** H. Res. 786, to honor the four United States public servants who died in Libya and to condemn the attacks on United States diplomatic facilities in Libya, Egypt, and Yemen; **Pages H6076–79**

***Countering Iran in the Western Hemisphere Act of 2012:*** H.R. 3783, amended, to provide for a comprehensive strategy to counter Iran's growing presence and hostile activity in the Western Hemisphere; **Pages H6079–83**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To provide for a comprehensive strategy to counter Iran's growing hostile presence and activity in the Western Hemisphere, and for other purposes." **Page H6083**

***Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect toward the establishment of a democratic and prosperous Republic of Georgia:*** H. Res. 526, amended, to express 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; **Pages H6083–86**

***Confirm full ownership rights for certain United States astronauts to artifacts from the astronauts' space missions:*** H.R. 4158, to confirm full ownership rights for certain United States astronauts to artifacts from the astronauts' space missions (agreed by unanimous consent that the previous ordering of the yeas and nays on the motion that the House suspend the rule and pass H.R. 4158 be vacated, to the end that the Chair put the question de novo); **Pages H6086–88, H6096–97**

***Veterans Fiduciary Reform Act of 2012:*** H.R. 5948, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H6088–94**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to establish a Place of Remembrance at Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes." **Page H6094**

***VA Major Construction Authorization and Expiring Authorities Extension Act of 2012:*** H.R. 6375, amended, to authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects and leases, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H6094–96**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes." **Page H6096**

***Cutting Federal Unnecessary and Expensive Leasing Act of 2012:*** H.R. 6324, to reduce the number of nonessential vehicles purchased and leased by the Federal Government; **Pages H6097–99**

***Buffett Rule Act of 2012:*** H.R. 6410, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for taxpayers making donations with their returns of income tax to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt; **Pages H6099–H6101**

***Andrew P. Carpenter Tax Act:*** H.R. 5044, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income any discharge of indebtedness income on education loans of deceased veterans, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 400 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 585; **Pages H6101–04, H6119–20**

***FEMA Reauthorization Act of 2012:*** H.R. 2903, amended, to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; **Pages H6104–13**

*Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions:* H.R. 5912, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions, and to provide for the return of previously distributed funds for deficit reduction, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 310 yeas to 95 nays, Roll No. 586;

Pages H6113–15, H6120–21

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions.”.

Pages H6113, H6121

*Disaster Loan Fairness Act of 2012:* H.R. 6296, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to provide the interest rate for certain disaster related loans;

Pages H6115–18

*Border Security Information Improvement Act of 2012:* H.R. 6368, amended, to require the Department of Justice, in consultation with the Department of Homeland Security, to provide a report to Congress on the Departments’ ability to track, investigate and quantify cross-border violence along the Southwest Border and provide recommendations to Congress on how to accurately track, investigate, and quantify cross-border violence;

Pages H6118–19

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To require the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security to provide a joint report to Congress on the Departments’ ability to track, investigate and quantify cross-border violence along the Southwest Border and provide recommendations to Congress on how to accurately track, investigate, and quantify cross-border violence.”.

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*Vulnerable Veterans Housing Reform Act of 2012:* H.R. 6361, amended, to exclude from consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pension made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance;

Pages H6121–24

*Providing flexibility with respect to United States support for assistance provided by international financial institutions for Burma:* H.R. 6431, to provide flexibility with respect to United States support for assistance provided by international financial institutions for Burma;

Pages H6124–25

*Amending the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to clarify provisions relating to the regulation of municipal advisors:* H.R. 2827, amended, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to clarify provisions relating to the regulation of municipal advisors;

Pages H6125–28

*Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2012:* H.R. 5910, amended, to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to produce a report on enhancing the competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment;

Pages H6132–34

*Contaminated Drywall Safety Act of 2012:* H.R. 4212, amended, to designate drywall manufactured in China a banned hazardous product;

Pages H6134–37

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To prevent the introduction into commerce of unsafe drywall, to ensure the manufacturer of drywall is readily identifiable, to ensure that problematic drywall removed from homes is not reused, and for other purposes.”.

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*Amending title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a National Pediatric Research Network, including with respect to pediatric rare diseases or conditions:* H.R. 6163, amended, to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a National Pediatric Research Network, including with respect to pediatric rare diseases or conditions;

Pages H6138–40

*Taking Essential Steps for Testing Act of 2012:* H.R. 6118, to amend section 353 of the Public Health Service Act with respect to suspension, revocation, and limitation of laboratory certification;

Pages H6140–42

*Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act of 2012:* H.R. 4124, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians; and

Pages H6142–44

*Pancreatic Cancer Research and Education Act:* H.R. 733, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a Pancreatic Cancer Initiative.

Pages H6144–47

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To provide for scientific frameworks with respect to recalcitrant cancers.”.

Page H6147

**Making corrections with respect to Food and Drug Administration user fees:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6433, to make corrections with respect to Food and Drug Administration user fees.

Pages H6137–38

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

*Manhattan Project National Historical Park Act:* H.R. 5987, amended, to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington. **Pages H6128–32**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6119–20, H6120–21. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 10 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee began a markup of H.R. 1206, the “Access to Professional Health Insurance Advisors Act of 2011”; and H.R. 1063, the “Strengthening Medicare and Repaying Taxpayers Act of 2011”.

### EXAMINING THE ROLE OF RWANDA IN THE DRC INSURGENCY

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled “Examining the Role of Rwanda in the DRC Insurgency”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COAL MINER EMPLOYMENT AND DOMESTIC ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE OFFICE OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE OF THE ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RELATING TO WAIVER AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 1115 OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3409, the “Coal Miner Employment and Domestic Energy Infrastructure Protection Act”; and H.J. Res. 118 providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Family Assistance of the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to waiver and expenditure authority under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) with respect to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. The Committee granted a closed rule for H.J. Res. 118. The rule

provides one hour of general debate with 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means and 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The resolution further provides a structured rule for H.R. 3409. The rule provides one hour of general debate with 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources, 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–32 as original text for purpose of amendment and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 3409 printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Section 3 of the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from September 22, 2012 through November 12, 2012: (a) the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; (b) the Chair may adjourn the House to meet at a date and time within the limits of clause 4, section 5, article I of the Constitution; and (c) bills and resolutions introduced shall be numbered, listed in the Congressional Record, and when printed shall bear the date of introduction, but may be referred at a later time. Section 4 of the rule authorizes the Speaker to appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section

3. Section 5 of the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 3 shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546). Section 6 of the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 3 shall not constitute a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII. Section 7 of the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 3 shall not constitute a calendar or legislative day for purposes of clause 7(c)(1) of rule XXII (motions to instruct). Testimony was heard from Chairmen Camp, Kline, and Hastings (WA), and Representatives Levin, Andrews, Markey, Rush, Whitfield, Lankford, and Boswell.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine computerized trading, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine business practices in the household goods moving industry, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the "Water Resources Development Act", focusing on growing the economy and protecting public safety, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Ways and Means to examine tax reform and the tax treatment of capital gains, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine maritime territorial disputes and sovereignty issues in Asia, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine pension modernization for a 21st century workforce, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine offshore profit shifting and the U.S. tax code, 2 p.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 65, to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians, S. 2024, to make technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, S. 3546, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to reauthorize a provision to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages, S. 3548, to clarify certain provisions of the

Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994, and H.R. 2467, to take certain Federal lands in Mono County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Bridgeport Indian Colony; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine advancing the Federal-tribal relationship through self-governance and self-determination, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider H.R. 2471, to amend section 2710 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that a video tape service provider may obtain a consumer's informed, written consent on an ongoing basis and that consent may be obtained through the Internet, S. 3486, to implement the provisions of the Hague Agreement and the Patent Law Treaty, S. 1894, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, S. 3250, to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to provide for Debbie Smith grants for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and to establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Registry, S. 3523, Innovative Design Protection Act, and the nomination of William Joseph Baer, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

#### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) Program", 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled "Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization", 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing on Department of Defense Plans for Sequestration: The Sequestration Transparency Act of 2012 Report and the Way Forward, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training, hearing entitled "Assessing College Data: Helping to Provide Valuable Information to Students, Institutions and Taxpayers", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Full Committee, continued markup of H.R. 1206, the "Access to Professional Health Insurance Advisors Act of 2011"; and H.R. 1063, the "Strengthening Medicare and Repaying Taxpayers Act of 2011", 11:45 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "The American Energy Initiative: A Focus on H.R. 6172", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Semi-Annual Report of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing entitled "Safeguarding Israel's Security in a Volatile Region", 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security: An Assessment of the Department and a Roadmap for its Future" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Regulation Nation: The Obama Administration’s Regulatory Expansion vs. Jobs and Economic Recovery”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition, and the Internet, hearing entitled “International IP Enforcement: Opening Markets Abroad and Protecting Innovation”, 2 p.m. 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, business meeting to approve “A Citizen’s Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records”; and hearing entitled “IG Report: The Department of Justice’s Office of the Inspector General Examines the Failures of Operation Fast and Furious”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives; hearing entitled “Examining the Administration’s Failure to Prevent and End Medicaid Overpayments”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations, hearing entitled “SIGAR Report: Document Destruction and Millions of Dollars Unaccounted for at the Department of Defense, Part II”, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Sequestration: The Threat to Small Businesses, Jobs, and the Industrial Base”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Review of Amtrak Operations, Part III: Examining 41 Years of Taxpayer Subsidies”, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on H.R. 6430, the “Public Buildings Reform Act of 2012”, 1:30 p.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “A Review of the Challenges Maintaining Legacy Assets Pose to United States Coast Guard Mission Performance”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “Forty Years after the Clean Water Act: Is it Time for the States to Implement Section 404 Permitting?”, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Veterans Affairs in the 112th Congress: Reviewing VA’s Performance and Accountability”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Examining the Re-Design of the Transition Assistance Program (TAP)”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled “Benefits of Expanding U.S. Services Trade Through an International Services Agreement”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Hearing*: Senate Committee on Finance, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Ways and Means to examine tax reform and the tax treatment of capital gains, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: to hold hearings to examine Georgia’s parliamentary election, focusing on how free and fair has the campaign been, and how the United States government should respond, including the election’s fairness during the run-up to the vote and the vote count, human rights issues connected to the election, and United States policy in response, 12:30 p.m., 2255, Rayburn Building.

## Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 20

## Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: The Majority Leader will be recognized. At 2 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.J. Res. 117, Continuing Appropriations Resolution.

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, September 20

## House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.J. Res. 118—Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Family Assistance of the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to waiver and expenditure authority under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) with respect to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (Subject to a Rule). Begin consideration of H.R. 3409—Coal Miner Employment and Domestic Energy Infrastructure Protection Act (Subject to a Rule).

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