

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6475–S6558

Measures Introduced: Thirty bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3578–3607, and S. Res. 571–574. **Pages S6545–46**

Measures Reported:

S. 3578, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. (S. Rept. No. 112–221)

Report to accompany S. 1641, to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement. (S. Rept. No. 112–222)

Report to accompany S. 1642, to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement. (S. Rept. No. 112–223)

Report to accompany S. 1643, to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement. (S. Rept. No. 112–224)

Report to accompany S. 3326, to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to extend the third-country fabric program and to add South Sudan to the list of countries eligible for designation under that Act, to make technical corrections to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States relating to the textile and apparel rules of origin for the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, to approve the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003. (S. Rept. No. 112–225)

Report to accompany S. 3406, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to products of the Russian Federation and Moldova, to require reports on the compliance of the Russian Federation with its obligations as a member of the World Trade Organization, and to impose sanctions on persons responsible for gross violations of human rights. (S. Rept. No. 112–226)

Report to accompany 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. Rept. No. 112–227)

Report to accompany S. 2389, to deem the submission of certain claims to an Indian Health Service contracting officer as timely. (S. Rept. No. 112–228)

Report to accompany S. 3276, to extend certain amendments made by the FISA Amendments Act of 2008. (S. Rept. No. 112–229)

S. 3486, to implement the provisions of the Hague Agreement and the Patent Law Treaty, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Considered:

Continuing Appropriations Resolution: Senate began consideration of H.J. Res. 117, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2013, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S6500–02**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2844, to change the enactment date. **Page S6501**

Reid Amendment No. 2845 (to Amendment No. 2844), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6501**

Reid motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2846, to change the enactment date. **Page S6502**

Reid Amendment No. 2847 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2846), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6502**

Reid Amendment No. 2848 (to Amendment No. 2847), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6502**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the joint resolution, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Saturday, September 22, 2012. **Pages S6501–02**

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

By 67 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 195), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution.

Pages S6500–01

Sportsmen's Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3525, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting. **Pages S6502–20**

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, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of H.J. Res. 117, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2013. **Page S6502**

Appointment:

Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 107–12, reappointed the following individual as a member of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board: Trevor Whipple of Vermont. **Page S6558**

Kelly Nomination Joint Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, as if in Executive Session, the nomination of Keith Kelly, of Montana, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, sent to the Senate by the President, be referred jointly to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. **Page S6510**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ketanji Brown Jackson, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Nelson Stephen Roman, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Robert D. Okun, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—195) **Pages S6500–01**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:21 p.m., until 12 p.m. on Friday, September 21, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6558.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMPUTERIZED TRADING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine computerized trading, after receiving testimony from David Lauer, Better Markets, Inc., Colingswood, New Jersey; Andrew M. Brooks, T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland; Chris Concannon, Virtu Financial, LLC, Garden City, New Jersey; and Larry Tabb, TABB Group, Westborough, Massachusetts.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVING INDUSTRY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine business practices in the household goods moving industry, after receiving testimony from Anne S. Ferro, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and Timothy M. Barry, Principal Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, both of the Department of Transportation; Linda Bauer Darr, American Moving and Storage Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Jason M. Romrell, Budget Van Lines Inc., Los Angeles, California; and Reana Kovalcik, New York, New York.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the "Water Resources Development Act", focusing on growing the economy and protecting public safety, after receiving testimony from Andrew Herrmann, American Society of Civil Engineers, Richard R. Calhoun, Cargill, Incorporated, Jeffrey Soth, International Union of Operating Engineers, and Janet F. Kavinoky, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jerry A. Bridges, Virginia Port Authority, Norfolk, on behalf of the American Association of Port Authorities.

TAX REFORM AND THE TAX TREATMENT OF CAPITAL GAINS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Ways and Means to examine tax reform and the tax treatment of capital gains, after receiving testimony from David H. Brockway, Bingham McCutchen LLP, Washington, D.C.; Lawrence B. Lindsey, The Lindsey Group, Fairfax, Virginia; Leonard E. Burman, Syracuse University Maxwell School, Syracuse, New York; David Verrill, Angel Capital Association, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and William D. Stanfill, Montegra Capital Income Fund, Denver, Colorado.

MARITIME TERRITORIAL DISPUTES AND SOVEREIGNTY ISSUES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine maritime territorial disputes and sovereignty issues in Asia, after receiving testimony from Kurt Campbell, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

U.S. TAX CODE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine offshore profit shifting and the U.S. tax code, after receiving testimony from William J. Wilkins, Chief Counsel, and Michael Danilack, Deputy Commissioner (International) of the Large Business and International Division, both of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Stephen E. Shay, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Reuven S. Avi-Yonah, University of Michigan Law School International Tax Master of Law Program, Ann Arbor; Jack T. Ciesielski, R.G. Associates, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland; William J. Sample, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; Beth Carr, Ernst and Young LLP, New York, New York; Lester D. Ezrati, and John N. McMullen, both of the Hewlett-Packard Company, Palo Alto, California; and Susan M. Cospers, Financial Accounting Standards Board, Norwalk, Connecticut.

PENSION MODERNIZATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine pension modernization for a 21st century workforce, after receiving testimony from Jim Davis, Iowa Title and Realty, Charles City; Aliya Wong, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Richard Hudson, Cheiron, Karen Friedman, Retirement USA, Andrew G. Biggs, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, and David Madland, Center for American Progress Action Fund, all of Washington, D.C.; Susan L. Breen-Held, Principal Financial, Des Moines, Iowa; and

John Adler, Service Employees International Union, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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, with an amendment;

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;

H.R. 2467, to take certain Federal lands in Mono County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Bridgeport Indian Colony; and

The nomination of Kevin K. Washburn, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

FEDERAL-TRIBAL RELATIONSHIP

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine advancing the Federal-tribal relationship through self-governance and self-determination, after receiving testimony from Lawrence Roberts, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Ian Erlich, Maniilaq Association, Kotzebue, Alaska; Charles Head, Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Oklahoma; and D. Noelani Kalipi, TiLeaf Group, Hilo, Hawaii.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 3486, to implement the provisions of the Hague Agreement and the Patent Law Treaty, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1894, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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.

INTELLIGENCE

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 35 public bills, H.R. 6444–6478; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 138; and H.Res. 793–801 were introduced. **Pages H6230–32**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6233–34**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4965, to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–681);

H.R. 5961, to provide reasonable limits, control, and oversight over the Environmental Protection Agency's use of aerial surveillance of America's farmers, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–682);

H.R. 4278, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to permit requirements for dredged or fill material (H. Rept. 112–683);

H.R. 2541, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exempt the conduct of silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–684); and

H.R. 3563, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to modernize and implement the national integrated public alert and warning system to disseminate homeland security information and other information, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–685, Pt. 1). **Page H6230**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Flake to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6153**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6161**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Rabbi Steven Weil, Orthodox Union, New York, New York. **Page H6161**

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 House passed H.J. Res. 118, to provide 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, by a ye-and-nay vote of 250 yeas to 164 nays, Roll No. 589. **Pages H6165–85, H6194–95**

H. Res. 788, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 118) and the bill (H.R. 3409) was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 588, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 587. **Pages H6173–74**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 788 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote.

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Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

STEM Jobs Act of 2012: H.R. 6429, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote innovation, investment, and research in the United States, to eliminate the diversity immigrant program, by a 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 257 yeas to 158 nays, Roll No. 590. **Pages H6185–94, H6195**

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, September 19th:

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, by a 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 591. **Pages H6195–96**

Coal Miner Employment and Domestic Energy Infrastructure Protection Act: The House began consideration of 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. Further proceedings were postponed. **Page H6196**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–32 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 Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill. **Page H6204**

Agreed to:

Bucshon amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–680) that requires that the Secretary, or any other Federal official proposing a rule under this Act, shall publish with each rule proposed under this Act each scientific study the Secretary or other official, respectively, relied on in developing the rule. This amendment ensures that rules being issued are based on scientific study; **Pages H6212–13**

Benishek amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–680) that requires the Committee for the Cumulative Analysis of Regulations that Impact Energy and Manufacturing in the United States to include the health effects associated with regulatory costs in its assessment; and **Pages H6217–18**

Harris amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–680) that reinforces the transparency and sound science requirements in the bill. Specifically, it requires EPA to make data and modeling inputs available to the public, and requires Regulatory Impact Analysis to undergo external peer review according to the agency's own peer review guidelines. **Pages H6218–19**

Proceedings Postponed:

Markey amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–680) that seeks to allow the Secretary of the Interior to promulgate rules under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, if such rule would reduce the prevalence of pulmonary diseases, lung cancer, cardiovascular disease or reduce the prevalence of birth defects or reproductive problems in pregnant women or children; **Pages H6211–12**

Waxman amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–680) that seeks to strike the language that would repeal EPA's scientific finding that carbon pollution endangers the public health and welfare; **Pages H6213–14**

Kelly amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–680) that seeks to require the Secretary of Transportation to submit a report to Congress estimating the number of jobs, the fatalities and inju-

ries, and the cost to the economy caused by the “2017 and Later Model Year Light-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards” rule. Would require that the Secretary shall not consult with the EPA or the California Air Resources Board to complete the report; and **Pages H6214–16**

Markey amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–680) that seeks to allow the Environmental Protection Agency to take any action using its authority under the Clean Air Act if such action would increase North American energy independence by reducing demand for oil. **Pages H6216–17**

H. Res. 788, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 118) and the bill (H.R. 3409) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 588, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 587. **Pages H6173–74**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 788 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote. **Pages H6165–67**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6173–74, H6174, H6194–95, H6195, H6196. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM STANDARDS PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) Program”. Testimony was heard from Steve Caldwell, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; Suzanne Spaulding, Deputy Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; David Wulf, Director, Office of Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

JOINT IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE DEFEAT ORGANIZATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing entitled “Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Michael D. Barbero, United States Army, Director, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization.

SEQUESTRATION TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2012 REPORT

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on Department of Defense Plans for Sequestration: The Sequestration Transparency Act of 2012 Report and the Way Forward. Testimony was heard from Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller; General Lloyd J. Austin III, USA, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army; Admiral Mark Ferguson, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; General Larry O. Spencer, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force; and General Joseph F. Dunford, USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

ASSESSING COLLEGE DATA: HELPING TO PROVIDE VALUABLE INFORMATION TO STUDENTS, INSTITUTIONS AND TAXPAYERS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training held a hearing entitled “Assessing College Data: Helping to Provide Valuable Information to Students, Institutions and Taxpayers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee completed 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”. H.R. 1206 and H.R. 1063 were ordered reported, without amendment.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “The American Energy Initiative: A Focus on H.R. 6172”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

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

SAFEGUARDING ISRAEL’S SECURITY IN A VOLATILE REGION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing entitled “Safeguarding Israel’s Security in a Volatile Region”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY: AN ASSESSMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT AND A ROADMAP FOR ITS FUTURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Department of Homeland Security: An Assessment of the Department and a Roadmap for its Future”. Testimony was heard from David C. Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

REGULATION NATION: THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION’S REGULATORY EXPANSION VS. JOBS AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Regulation Nation: The Obama Administration’s Regulatory Expansion vs. Jobs and Economic Recovery”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL IP ENFORCEMENT: OPENING MARKETS ABROAD AND PROTECTING INNOVATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “International IP Enforcement: Opening Markets Abroad and Protecting Innovation”. Testimony was heard from Victoria Espinel, Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

CITIZEN’S GUIDE ON USING THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 TO REQUEST GOVERNMENT RECORDS; AND MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a 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 a markup of the following: H.R. 4053, the “Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012”; H.R. 5954, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 7th Street in Ellwood City, Pennsylvania, as the “Sergeant Leslie H. Sabo, Jr. Post Office Building”; and H.R. 5738 to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15285 Samohin Drive in Macomb, Michigan, as the “Lance Cpl. Anthony A. DiLisio Clinton-Macomb Carrier Annex”. The report “A Citizen’s Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records” was ordered reported, without amendment. The following measures were ordered

reported, without amendment: H.R. 5954; and H.R. 5738. The following measure was ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4053.

EXAMINING THE ADMINISTRATION'S FAILURE TO PREVENT AND END MEDICAID OVERPAYMENTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives held a hearing entitled "Examining the Administration's Failure to Prevent and End Medicaid Overpayments". Testimony was heard from John Hagg, Director of Medicaid Audits, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and Penny Thompson, Deputy Director, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

SIGAR REPORT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations held a hearing entitled "SIGAR Report: Document Destruction and Millions of Dollars Unaccounted for at the Department of Defense, Part II". Testimony was heard from Alan F. Estevez, Assistant Secretary for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, Department of Defense; Lieutenant General Brooks L. Bash, USAF, Director for Logistics, Joint Staff, Department of Defense; John F. Sopko, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction; and Donald K. Steinberg, Deputy Administrator, Agency for International Development.

SEQUESTRATION: THE THREAT TO SMALL BUSINESSES, JOBS, AND THE INDUSTRIAL BASE

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Sequestration: The Threat to Small Businesses, Jobs, and the Industrial Base". Testimony was heard from Mike McCord, Principal Deputy, Under Secretary of Defense; and public witnesses.

REVIEW OF AMTRAK OPERATIONS, PART III: EXAMINING 41 YEARS OF TAXPAYER SUBSIDIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "A Review of Amtrak Operations, Part III: Examining 41 Years of Taxpayer Subsidies". Testimony was heard from Joseph Boardman, President and CEO, Amtrak; Ted Alves, Inspector General, Amtrak; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a markup of H.R. 6430, the "Public Buildings Reform Act of 2012". H.R. 6430 was forwarded, as amended.

REVIEW OF THE CHALLENGES MAINTAINING LEGACY ASSETS POSE TO UNITED STATES COAST GUARD MISSION PERFORMANCE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled "A Review of the Challenges Maintaining Legacy Assets Pose to United States Coast Guard Mission Performance". Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Ronald J. Rabago, Assistant Commandant for Engineering and Logistics, Coast Guard; and Stephen Caldwell, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

FORTY YEARS AFTER THE CLEAN WATER ACT: IS IT TIME FOR THE STATES TO IMPLEMENT SECTION 404 PERMITTING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: 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?". Testimony was heard from JoEllen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Denise Keehner, Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, Environmental Protection Agency; Jeff Littlejohn, Deputy Secretary for Regulatory Programs, Florida Department of Environmental Protection; and public witnesses.

VETERANS AFFAIRS IN THE 112TH CONGRESS: REVIEWING VA'S PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Veterans Affairs in the 112th Congress: Reviewing VA's Performance and Accountability". Testimony was heard from W. Scott Gould, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs.

EXAMINING THE RE-DESIGN OF THE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Examining the Re-Design of the Transition Assistance Program (TAP)". Testimony was heard from Danny G. I. Pummill, Director, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Defense Program Office; John K. Moran, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations

and Management, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Rhett Jeppson, Associate Administrator for Veterans Business Development, Small Business Administration; Susan Kelly, Deputy Director, Transition to Veterans Program Office, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; BG Robert Hedelund, Director of Marine and Family Programs, Marine Corps; BG Jason T. Evans, Adjutant General, USA; Edward Cannon, Fleet and Family Readiness Program Director, USN; Eden J. Murrie, BG, Director of Services, USAF; and RADM Daniel Neptun, Assistant Commandant for Human Resources, USCG.

BENEFITS OF EXPANDING U.S. SERVICES TRADE THROUGH AN INTERNATIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled "Benefits of Expanding U.S. Services Trade Through an International Services Agreement". Testimony was heard from Michael Punke, Deputy United States Trade Representative and Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organization; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

GEORGIA'S PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Thomas O. Melia, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and

Labor; Ariel Cohen, The Heritage Foundation, Rockville, Maryland; Mamuka Tsereteli, American University School of International Service Center for Black Sea and Caspian Studies, Washington, D.C.; and Archil Gegeshidze, Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies, Tbilisi, Georgia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The LightSquared Network: An Investigation of the FCC's Role", 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Ethics, Full Committee, hearing on the matter of Representative Maxine Waters, 9:15 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology, hearing entitled "The Price of Money: Consequences of the Federal Reserve's Zero Interest Rate Policy", 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management, hearing entitled "DHS Acquisition Management Challenges: Solutions for Saving Taxpayer Dollars", 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled "Breaking Through the Backlog: Evaluating the Effectiveness of the New State Strike Force Team", 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining the current status of the Medicare Advantage (MA) program and other health plans", 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 p.m., Friday, September 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, September 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: The Majority Leader will be recognized.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of H.R. 3409—Coal Miner Employment and Domestic Energy Infrastructure Protection Act.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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