

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 1 public bill, H.R. 6589; was introduced. **Page H6369**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H6369**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6345**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:16 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6347**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Donna Kafer, Arizona Legislative Chaplaincy, Peoria, Arizona. **Page H6347**

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

*New York City Natural Gas Supply Enhancement Act:* Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2606, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area; **Pages H6350–51**

*Amending the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to consolidate certain CBO reporting requirements:* H.R. 6570, to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to consolidate certain CBO reporting requirements; **Pages H6351–52**

*Amending the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for direct appeals to the United States Supreme Court of decisions of the Virgin Islands Supreme Court:* H.R. 6116, amended, to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for direct appeals to the United States Supreme Court of decisions of the Virgin Islands Supreme Court; and **Pages H6353–55**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: To amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for direct review by the United States Supreme Court of decisions of the Virgin Islands Supreme Court, and for other purposes. **Page H6355**

*Stop Tobacco Smuggling in the Territories Act of 2012:* H.R. 5934, to amend title 18, United States Code, to include certain territories and possessions of the United States in the definition of State for the purposes of chapter 114, relating to trafficking in contraband cigarettes and smokeless tobacco. **Pages H6355–57**

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

*Mark Twain Commemorative Coin Act:* Concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 2453, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Mark Twain. **Pages H6352–53**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H6357.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FUNGAL MENINGITIS OUTBREAK

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a hearing entitled “The Fungal Meningitis Outbreak: Could it Have Been Prevented?” Testimony was heard from Margaret A. Hamburg, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration; and Lauren Smith, Interim Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

### TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR U.S. FIRMS: EVALUATING PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Efficiency and Financial Management held a hearing entitled “Trade Adjustment Assistance for U.S. Firms: Evaluating Program Effectiveness and Recommendations”. Testimony was heard from Bryan Borlik, Director, Trade Adjustment Assistance, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce; Williams J. Bujalos, Director, Mid-Atlantic Trade Adjustment Assistance Center; J. Alfredo Gomez, Acting Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

### EXAMINATION OF HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS AND INTEROPERABILITY

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing entitled “An Examination of Health Information Technology Standards and Interoperability”.

Testimony was heard from Farzad Mostashari, National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology; Charles H. Romine, Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, International Security Assistance Force, and to be Commander, U.S. Forces, Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, “Water Resources Development Act of 2012”, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine pharmacy compounding, focus-

ing on implications of the 2012 meningitis outbreak, 9:45 a.m., SD-106.

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

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine preventing elder financial abuse, 2 p.m., SD-562.

#### House

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Benghazi and Beyond: What Went Wrong on September 11, 2012 and How to Prevent it from Happening at other Frontline Posts”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled “WMD Terrorism: Assessing the Continued Homeland Threat”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “TSA’s Recent Scanner Shuffle: Real Strategy or Wasteful Smokescreen?”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “The U.S. Antarctic Program: Achieving Fiscal and Logistical Efficiency While Supporting Sound Science”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs,* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Review of Veterans Employment Challenges and Initiatives of the 112th Congress”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

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