

consideration of H.R. 6156, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to products of the Russian Federation and Moldova and to require reports on the compliance of the Russian Federation with its obligations as a member of the World Trade Organization, by a recorded vote of 253 yeas to 150 nays, Roll No. 606, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 243 yeas to 164 nays, Roll No. 605.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:26 p.m. and reconvened at 5:05 p.m.

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**Oath of Office—Tenth Congressional District of New Jersey:** Representative-elect Donald M. Payne, Jr. presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a scanned copy of a letter from the Honorable Kimberly M. Guadagno, Lieutenant Governor/Secretary of State, State of New Jersey, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held November 6, 2012, the Honorable Donald M. Payne, Jr. was elected Representative to Congress for the Tenth Congressional District, State of New Jersey.

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**Whole Number of the House:** The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from New Jersey, the whole number of the House is 434.

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**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of Hurricane Sandy.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, November 14th:

*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, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 370 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 607.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6371.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6388, H6389–90, H6391. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### BENGHAZI AND BEYOND

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Benghazi and Beyond: What Went Wrong on September 11, 2012 and How to Prevent it from Happening at other Frontline Posts”. Testimony was heard from Michael Courts, Acting Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

### WMD TERRORISM: ASSESSING THE CONTINUED HOMELAND THREAT

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “WMD Terrorism: Assessing the Continued Homeland Threat”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### TSA’S RECENT SCANNER SHUFFLE

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “TSA’s Recent Scanner Shuffle: Real Strategy or Wasteful Smokescreen?”. Testimony was heard from Jonathan Cantor, Acting Chief Privacy, Department of Homeland Security; and John Sanders, Assistant Administrator, Office of Security Capabilities, Transportation Security Administration.

### U.S. ANTARCTIC PROGRAM: ACHIEVING FISCAL AND LOGISTICAL EFFICIENCY WHILE SUPPORTING SOUND SCIENCE

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Antarctic Program: Achieving Fiscal and Logistical Efficiency While Supporting Sound Science”. Testimony was heard from Norman R. Augustine, Chair, U.S. Antarctic Program Blue Ribbon Panel; Subra Suresh, Director, National Science Foundation; Duncan J. McNabb, Member, U.S. Antarctic Program Blue Ribbon Panel; and Warren M. Zapol, Chair, Committee on Future Science Opportunities in Antarctica and the Southern Ocean, National Research Council.

### REVIEW OF VETERANS EMPLOYMENT CHALLENGES AND INITIATIVES OF THE 112TH CONGRESS

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Review of Veterans Employment Challenges and Initiatives of the 112th Congress”. Testimony was heard from John K. Moran, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations & Management, Veterans’ Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Eliseo “Al” Cantu, Jr.,

Chair, Texas Veterans Commission; and Abraham J. Turner, Chair, Veterans Affairs Committee, National Association of State Workforce Agencies, Executive Director, South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce.

#### ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities. This was a closed hearing.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

#### House Committees

*Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management,* hearing entitled “A Line in the Sand: Assessing Dangerous Threats to Our Nation’s Borders”, 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Metropolitan Washington Air-

ports Authority (MWAA): A Review of the Department of Transportation Inspector General’s Findings and Recommendations”, 9 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 7:30 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

#### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* to receive a briefing on assessing Ukraine’s parliamentary elections, focusing on the lack of a level playing field, 10 a.m., B318, Rayburn Building.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 9 a.m., Room to be announced.