Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8155–S8234

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3690–3698, S. Res. 625, and S. Con. Res. 65. **Page S8203**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled ''Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia: A Comparison of International Approaches''. (S. Rept. No. 112–254)

Report to accompany S. 1980, to prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing through port State measures. (S. Rept. No. 112–255)

Report to accompany S. 2388, to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002. (S. Rept. No. 112–256)

S. 1910, to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–257)

S. 241, to expand whistleblower protections to non-Federal employees whose disclosures involve misuse of Federal funds, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1100, to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit inserting politics into the Federal acquisition process by prohibiting the submission of political contribution information as a condition of receiving a Federal contract, with an amendment.

S. 2234, to prevent human trafficking in government contracting, with amendments. **Page S8203**

Measures Passed:

Improving Transparency of Education Opportunities for Veterans Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4057, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop a comprehensive policy to improve outreach and transparency to veterans and members of the Armed Forces through the provision of information on institutions of higher learning, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S8229**

Merkley (for Murray) Amendment No. 3405, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8229**

Foreign and Economic Espionage Penalty Enhancement Act: Senate passed H.R. 6029, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for increased penalties for foreign and economic espionage, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S8229**

Merkley (for Kohl/Lee) Amendment No. 3406, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8229**

Army First Sergeant David McNerney Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3477, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 133 Hare Road in Crosby, Texas, as the Army First Sergeant David McNerney Post Office Building, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8230**

Nicky 'Nick' Daniel Bacon Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3870, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6083 Highway 36 West in Rose Bud, Arkansas, as the ''Nicky 'Nick' Daniel Bacon Post Office'', and the bill was then passed. **Page S8230**

Brigadier General Nathaniel Woodhull Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3912, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Mastic Road in Mastic Beach, New York, as the ''Brigadier General Nathaniel Woodhull Post Office Building'', and the bill was then passed. **Page S8230**

Lance Cpl. Anthony A. DiLisio Clinton-Macomb Carrier Annex: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of 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'', and the bill was then passed. **Page S8230**

Corporal Kyle Schneider Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5837, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 26 East Genesee Street in Baldwinsville, New York, as the "Corporal Kyle Schneider Post Office Building", and the bill was then passed. **Page S8230**

Sergeant Leslie H. Sabo, Jr. Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of 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 the bill was then passed. **Page S8230**

Captain Rhett W. Schiller Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3630, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218 North Milwaukee Street in Waterford, Wisconsin, as the "Captain Rhett W. Schiller Post Office", and the bill was then passed. **Page S8230**

Lieutenant Ryan Patrick Jones Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3662, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6 Nichols Street in Westminster, Massachusetts, as the "Lieutenant Ryan Patrick Jones Post Office Building", and the bill was then passed. **Page S8230**

Department of State Rewards Program Update and Technical Corrections Act: Senate passed 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, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8230–31**

Dignified Burial of Veterans Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3202, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that deceased veterans with no known next of kin can receive a dignified burial, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S8231**

Merkley (for Murray) Amendment No. 3407, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8231**

Improving Veterans Service Organizations Access to Federal Surplus Personal Property: Senate passed S. 3698, to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property. **Pages S8231–32**

100th Birthday of Rosa Parks: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 618, observing the 100th birthday of civil rights icon Rosa Parks and commemorating her legacy, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S8232–33**

Opening of the United States Freedom Pavilion: Senate agreed to S. Res. 625, recognizing the January 12, 2013, opening of the United States Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana, and supporting plans for other educational pavilions and initiatives. **Pages S8233–34**

Measures Considered:

Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1, making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S8164–65, S8169–96**

Withdrawn:

Leahy (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3338, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8164**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 3395, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8195**

Reid Amendment No. 3396 (to Amendment No. 3395), to change the enactment date. **Page S8195**

Reid Amendment No. 3397 (to Amendment No. 3396), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8195**

Reid Amendment No. 3398 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 3395), to change the enactment date. **Page S8195**

Reid Amendment No. 3399 (to Amendment No. 3398), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8195**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3400, to change the enactment date. **Page S8195**

Reid Amendment No. 3401 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 3400), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8195**

Reid Amendment No. 3402 (to Amendment No. 3401), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8195**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid Amendment No. 3395, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, December 21, 2012. **Page S8195**

A motion was entered to close further debate on 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 Reid Amendment No. 3395. **Page S8195**

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

Leahy (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3339 (to Amendment No. 3338), of a perfecting nature, fell when Leahy (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3338 was withdrawn. **Page S8164**

Merkley Modified Amendment No. 3367 (to Amendment No. 3338), to extend certain supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs, fell when Leahy (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3338 was withdrawn. **Pages S8164, S8178–79**

McCain/Coburn Amendment No. 3355 (to Amendment No. 3338), to strike funding for the emergency forest restoration program, fell when Leahy (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3338 was withdrawn. **Page S8164**

Tester Amendment No. 3350 (to Amendment No. 3338), to provide additional funds for wildland fire management, fell when Leahy (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3338 was withdrawn. **Page S8164**

Coburn/McCain Modified Amendment No. 3371 (to Amendment No. 3338), to ensure that Federal disaster assistance is available for the most severe disasters, fell when Leahy (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3338 was withdrawn. **Pages S8164, S8184–94**

Bingaman Amendment No. 3344 (to Amendment No. 3338), to provide for the approval of an agreement between the United States and the Republic of Palau in response to Super Typhoon Bopha, fell when Leahy (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3338 was withdrawn. **Pages S8164–65, S8194–95**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, December 20, 2012. **Page S8234**

Appointments:

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, and upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, in consultation with the Ranking Members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appointed the following individuals to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Robin Cleveland of Virginia for a term expiring December 31, 2014, Dennis C. Shea of Virginia for a term expiring December 31, 2014, and James M. Talent of Missouri, vice Daniel Blumenthal, for a term expiring December 31, 2013. **Page S8234**

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appointed the following individual to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Katherine Tobin of Virginia for a term beginning January 1, 2013 and expiring December 31, 2014, vice C. Richard D'Amato of Maryland. **Page S8234**

Messages from the House: **Pages S8200–01**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:21 p.m., until 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 20, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8234.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine consumer credit reports, after receiving testimony from Corey Stone, Assistant Director for Deposits, Cash, Collections and Reporting Markets, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Stuart K. Pratt, Consumer Data Industry Association, Washington, D.C.; and Chi Chi Wu, National Consumer Law Center, Boston, Massachusetts.

ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW BOARD

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on the Accountability Review Board from National Security Briefers.

STATE OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the right to vote after the 2012 election, after receiving testimony from Senator Nelson (FL); former Florida Governor

Charles Crist, Jr., St. Petersburg; Matt Schultz, Iowa Secretary of State, Des Moines; South Carolina State Representative Gilda Cobb-Hunter, Columbia; Ken Bennett, Arizona Secretary of State, Phoenix; and Nina Perales, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (MALDEF), San Antonio, Texas.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 6683–6689; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 836–839 were introduced. **Pages H7359–60**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H7360**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Fourth Quarter Report of the Activities of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs During the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–706) **Page H7359**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7267**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:17 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7276**

Correcting the enrollment of S. 2367: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and agree to S. Con. Res. 63, to correct the enrollment of S. 2367. **Pages H7276–77**

Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the lying in state of the remains of the late Honorable Daniel K. Inouye: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and agree to S. Con. Res. 64, to authorize the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the lying in state of the remains of the late Honorable Daniel K. Inouye. **Page H7277**

Providing for the printing of a revised edition of the Rules and Manual of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress: The House agreed to H. Res. 836, to provide for the printing of a revised edition of the Rules and Manual of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress. **Page H7277**

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

Referring H.R. 5862, a bill making congressional reference to the United States Court of Federal Claims pursuant to sections 1492 and 2509 of title 28, United States Code, the Indian trust-related claims of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma (O-Gah-Pah) as well as its individual members: H. Res. 668, amended, to refer H.R. 5862, a bill making congressional reference to the United States Court of Federal Claims pursuant to sections 1492 and 2509 of title 28, United States Code, the Indian trust-related claims of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma (O-Gah-Pah) as well as its individual members, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 635; **Pages H7280–82, H7308–09**

Reauthorizing certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response: H.R. 6672, to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 383 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 633; **Pages H7282–96, H7307**

Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers Who Deliver Infants Early Reauthorization Act: S. 1440, amended, 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; **Pages H7296–7301**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy; to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity; to provide for a National Pediatric Research Network, including with respect to pediatric rare diseases or conditions; and to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals.". **Page H7298**

Medicare IVIG Access Act: H.R. 1845, amended, to provide for a study on issues relating to access to intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) for Medicare beneficiaries in all care settings and a demonstration project to examine the benefits of providing coverage and payment for items and services necessary to administer IVIG in the home, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 634; **Pages H7301–07, H7307–08**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: ''To provide a demonstration project providing Medicare coverage for in-home administration of intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) and to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the application of Medicare secondary payer rules for certain claims.''. **Page H7308**

Protect Our Kids Act of 2012: H.R. 6655, to establish a commission to develop a national strategy and recommendations for reducing fatalities resulting from child abuse and neglect, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 330 yeas to 77 nays, Roll No. 636; **Pages H7313–17, H7327–28**

James F. Battin United States Courthouse Designation Act: S. 3311, to designate the United States courthouse located at 2601 2nd Avenue North, Billings, Montana, as the ''James F. Battin United States Courthouse''; **Pages H7318–19**

Hatch Act Modernization Act of 2012: S. 2170, to amend the provisions of title 5, United States Code, which are commonly referred to as the ''Hatch Act'', to scale back the provision forbidding certain State and local employees from seeking elective office, clarify the application of certain provisions to the District of Columbia, and modify the penalties which may be imposed for certain violations under subchapter III of chapter 73 of that title; **Pages H7320–23**

Public Interest Declassification Board Reauthorization Act of 2012: S. 3564, to extend the Public Interest Declassification Act of 2000 until 2014, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 637; **Pages H7323–24, H7328–29**

Government Employee Accountability Act: H.R. 6016, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for administrative leave requirements with respect to Senior Executive Service employees, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 638; and **Pages H7324–26, H7329**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: ''To amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for investigative leave requirements with respect to Senior Executive Service employees, and for other purposes.''. **Page H7329**

Nelson "Mac" MacWilliams Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 4062, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1444 Main Street in Ramona, California, as the ''Nelson 'Mac' MacWilliams Post Office Building''. **Pages H7326–27**

James M. Carter and Judith N. Keep United States Courthouse Designation Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6166, to designate the United States courthouse located at 333 West Broadway Street in San Diego, California, as the ''James M. Carter and Judith N. Keep United States Courthouse''. **Pages H7317–18**

Paul Brown United States Courthouse Designation Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6633, to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 East Pecan Street in Sherman, Texas, as the ''Paul Brown United States Courthouse''. **Page H7318**

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

Medicare Identity Theft Prevention Act: H.R. 1509, amended, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to prohibit the inclusion of Social Security account numbers on Medicare cards; **Pages H7309–13**

Mt. Andrea Lawrence Designation Act: S. 925, to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence; **Pages H7319–20**

Postal Inspector Terry Asbury Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 6587, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 225 Simi Village Drive in Simi Valley, California, as the ''Postal Inspector Terry Asbury Post Office Building''; **Page H7327**

Mann-Grandstaff Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Designation Act: H.R. 3197, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Spokane, Washington, as the ''Mann-Grandstaff Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center''; **Pages H7330–31**

William "Bill" Kling VA Clinic Designation Act: H.R. 6443, to designate the facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 9800 West Commercial Boulevard in Sunrise, Florida, as the ''William 'Bill' Kling VA Clinic''; **Pages H7331–33**

Representative Curtis B. Inabinett, Sr. Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 6379, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6239 Savannah Highway in Ravenel, South Carolina, as the ''Representative Curtis B. Inabinett, Sr. Post Office''; **Page H7333**

Sidney "Sid" Sanders McMath Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3869, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 East Capitol Avenue in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the ''Sidney 'Sid' Sanders McMath Post Office Building''; **Pages H7333–34**

Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3378, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the ''Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building''; **Pages H7334–35**

Cecil E. Bolt Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 4389, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19 East Merced Street in Fowler, California, as the "Cecil E. Bolt Post Office"; and **Pages H7335–36**

Lieutenant Kenneth M. Ballard Memorial Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 6260, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 211 Hope Street in Mountain View, California, as the "Lieutenant Kenneth M. Ballard Memorial Post Office". **Pages H7336–37**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon tomorrow, December 20th. **Page H7333**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H. Res. 839, relating to the death of the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, a Senator from the State of Hawaii. **Pages H7337–41**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7267.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7307, H7308, H7308–09, H7327–28, H7328–29, H7329. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 10:21 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 839, it stands adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Daniel K. Inouye.

Committee Meetings

EVOLVING SECURITY SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO AND IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on an update on the evolving security situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and implications for U.S. national security. Testimony was heard from Derek Chollet, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; Johnnie Carson Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of African Affairs; and public witnesses.

CHALLENGES FACING MULTIEMPLOYER PENSION PLANS: EVALUATING PBGC'S INSURANCE PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled "Challenges Facing Multiemployer Pension Plans: Evaluating PBGC's Insurance Program and Financial Outlook". Testimony was heard from Joshua Gotbaum, Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Ethics: Full Committee held a meeting on considering proposed amendments to Committee Rules. The motion passed by a unanimous vote on the proposed Committee Rules changes.

CONFERENCE REPORT—NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FY 2013; APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED IN THE BURMESE FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY ACT OF 2003; AND SPENDING REDUCTION ACT OF 2012

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on Conference Report to accompany H.R. 4310, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013"; Senate Amendment to H.J. Res. 66, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003"; and H.R. 6684, the "Spending Reduction Act of 2012". The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. Debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII.

The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the consideration of H.J. Res. 66. The rule makes in order a motion by the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means that the House concur in the Senate amendment with the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule further provides a closed rule for H.R. 6684. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and Minority Leader or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman McKeon and Chairman Camp and

Representatives Smith (WA), Jackson Lee (TX), Levin, Mulvaney, Jordon, and Scalise.

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.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, *p. D1046)*

H.R. 3187, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the March of Dimes Foundation. Signed on December 18, 2012. (Public Law 112–209)

H.R. 6582, to allow for innovations and alternative technologies that meet or exceed desired energy efficiency goals, and to make technical corrections to existing Federal energy efficiency laws to allow American manufacturers to remain competitive. Signed on December 18, 2012. (Public Law 112–210)

S. 3486, to implement the provisions of the Hague Agreement and the Patent Law Treaty. Signed on December 18, 2012. (Public Law 112–211)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine recovering from superstorm Sandy, focusing on rebuilding our infrastructure, 11 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nominations of Ronald Lee Buch, of Virginia, and Albert G. Lauber, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William B. Shultz, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services, and Christopher J. Meade, of New York, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Benghazi, focusing on the attacks and the lessons learned, 8 a.m., SH–216.

House

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Benghazi Attack, Part II: The Report of the Accountability Review Board'', 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, business meeting, Investigative Report on the U.S. National Security Issues Posed by Chinese Telecommunications Companies Huawei and ZTE, 9 a.m., HVC–304.

Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 9:30 a.m., HVC–304. This is a closed hearing.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Thursday, December 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1, Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act. The filing deadline for first-degree amendments is at 1 p.m.

(Senators will gather in the Senate chamber at 9:35 a.m. to proceed together to the Capitol Rotunda for the viewing of the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Thursday, December 20

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4310—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013.

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