

California, on behalf of Granite Construction Incorporated.

## PROTECTING AMERICAN TAXPAYERS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting American taxpayers,

focusing on accomplishments and ongoing challenges in the fight against fraud, after receiving testimony from Lanny A. Breuer, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, and Tony West, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, both of the Department of Justice.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 72 public bills, H.R. 447–518; and 15 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 13; and H. Res. 57–71, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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

**Reducing Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions:** The House passed H.R. 359, to reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 160 nays, Roll No. 25.

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Rejected the Walz (MN) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 173 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 24.

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Agreed to:

Peters amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of January 24, 2011) that adds language to the bill stipulating that all amounts in the Presidential Election Campaign Fund after the date of the enactment of the legislation shall be transferred by the Secretary to the general fund of Treasury only if used to reduce the deficit (by a recorded vote of 396 yeas to 7 noes, Roll No. 23).

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Withdrawn:

Castor amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of January 25, 2011) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have transferred funds in the Presidential Election Campaign Fund to the Office of Justice programs to provide for local law enforcement costs of providing security at Presidential nominating conventions;

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Tsongas amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of January 25, 2011) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have

added at the end of the bill a new section entitled “Prohibition on the Use of Federal Funds for Presidential Campaign and Lobbying Activities”; and

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Moore amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of January 25, 2011) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have struck all after the enacting clause and inserted new text.

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Point of Order sustained against:

Polis amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of January 5, 2011) that sought to strike all after the enacting clause and insert new text.

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H. Res. 54, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after the previous question was ordered by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 22.

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Zoe Lofgren, wherein she resigned from the Committee on Ethics, effective today.

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**Committee Leave of Absence:** Read a letter from Representative Shuler wherein he notified the House that he is taking a leave of absence from the Committee on Small Business.

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**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 62, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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**Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representatives Ruppertsberger, Thompson (CA), Schakowsky, Langevin, Schiff, Boren, Gutierrez, and Chandler.

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**Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Representatives Sam Johnson (TX) and LaTourette.

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**United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Representative Turner, Chairman; Representatives Shimkus, Shuster, Miller (FL), Emerson, Granger, and Bilirakis. **Page H500**

**House Democracy Partnership—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the House Democracy Partnership: Representative Dreier, Chairman; Representatives Fortenberry, Biggert, Conaway, Buchanan, Boustany, Wilson (SC), Roskam, Crenshaw, and Diaz-Balart. **Page H500**

**Director of the Congressional Budget Office—Appointment:** The Chair announced the joint appointment by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate of Dr. Douglas W. Elmendorf as Director of the Congressional Budget Office for the term expiring January 3, 2015. **Page H500**

**Joint Economic Committee—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Joint Economic Committee: Representative Brady (TX), Chairman; Representatives Burgess, Campbell, Duffy, Amash, and Mulvaney. **Page H501**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H483.

**Senate Referral:** S. Con. Res. 3 was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. **Page H505**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H481–82, H496, H498, and H499. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and at 2:56 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 1, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2011.

## Committee Meetings

### DOD BUDGET REDUCTIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on proposed Department of Defense budget reductions and efficiencies initiatives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William Lynn, Deputy Secretary; GEN Peter W. Chiarelli, USA, Vice Chief of Staff; ADM Jonathan W. Greenert, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; GEN Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, Assistant Com-

mandant; GEN Phillip M. Breedlove, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff.

### HEALTH CARE LAW—FISCAL CONSEQUENCE; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the Fiscal Consequences of the Health Care Law. Testimony was heard from Richard S. Foster, Chief Actuary, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Dennis G. Smith, Secretary, Department of Health Services, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee met for organizational purposes. Committee approved an oversight plan for the 112th Congress.

### AMERICAN WORKFORCE STATE

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Held a hearing on the State of the American Workforce. Testimony was heard from Robert F. McDonnell, Governor, State of Virginia; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, former Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

### REGULATORY REFORM—ADMINISTRATION VIEWS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "The Views of the Administration on Regulatory Reform." Testimony was heard from Cass Sunstein, Director, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB.

### ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND JOB PROMOTION

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing on Promoting Economic Recovery and Job Creation: The Road Forward. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Met for organizational purposes. Committee adopted its rules of procedure and agreed to an oversight plan for the 112th Congress.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 394, Federal Courts Jurisdiction and Venue Clarification Act of 2011; H.R. 398, To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to toll, during active-duty service abroad in the Armed Forces, the periods of time to file a petition and appear for an interview to remove the conditional basis for permanent resident status; H.R. 386, Securing Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2011; H.R. 368, Removal Clarification Act of 2001, and H.R.