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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.J. Res. 66, Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act, as amended.

Senate passed H.R. 2887, Surface and Air Transportation Programs Extension Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1561–1573, and S. Res. 268–270. **Page S5684**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 2219, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–77)

S. 1572, making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. (S. Rept. No. 112–78)

S. 1573, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. (S. Rept. No. 112–79)

H.R. 2551, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–80) **Pages S5683–84**

Measures Passed:

Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act: Senate passed H.J. Res. 66, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5653–66**

Adopted:

By 62 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 135) Reid Amendment No. 602, to provide additional appropriations for disaster relief in fiscal years 2011 and 2012. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to). **Pages S5653, S5664–65**

Rejected:

By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 133), Coburn Amendment No. 610 (to Amendment No. 602), to save at least $7,000,000,000 by consolidating some duplicative and overlapping Government programs. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S5654–55, S5662**

By 20 yeas to 78 nays (Vote No. 134), Paul Amendment No. 613 (to Amendment No. 602), to offset the disaster relief appropriations by rescinding amounts for foreign assistance programs. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S5655–56, S5661–63**

Withdrawn:

Reid Motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Finance with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 607, to change the enactment date. **Page S5653, S5654**

Reid Amendment No. 603 (to Amendment No. 602), to change the enactment date. **Page S5653, S5654**

Reid Amendment No. 604 (to Amendment No. 603), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5653, S5654**

Reid Amendment No. 605 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 602), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5653, S5654**

Reid Amendment No. 606 (to Amendment No. 605), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5653, S5654**

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

Reid Amendment No. 608 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 607), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Motion to commit the joint resolution to

the Committee on Finance with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 607, (listed above), was withdrawn. **Pages S5653, S5654**

Reid Amendment No. 609 (to Amendment No. 608), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 608 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 607), (listed above), fell. **Pages S5653, S5654**

Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on Reid Amendment No. 602 (listed above), was rendered moot.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the joint resolution, be withdrawn. **Page S5654**

Surface and Air Transportation Programs Extension Act: By 92 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 138), Senate passed H.R. 2887, to provide an extension of surface and air transportation programs, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5666–69**

Rejected:

By 14 yeas to 84 nays (Vote No. 136), Paul Amendment No. 621, to limit the amount authorized to be expended from the Highway Trust Fund in any fiscal year to the amount anticipated to be deposited into the Highway Trust Fund in that fiscal year. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S5666–68**

By 36 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 137), Paul Amendment No. 622, to decrease the authorizations of appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration to fiscal year 2008 levels. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S5666–68**

Honoring Late Former Senator Malcolm Wallop: Senate agreed to S. Res. 268, relative to the death of the Honorable Malcolm Wallop, former Senator for the State of Wyoming. **Pages S5669–73**

National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 269, designating the week beginning September 19, 2011, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week". **Page S5693**

Message From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the President's report to Congress relative to the Secretary of Commerce's certification under section 8 of the Fisherman's Protective Act of 1967, as amended (the "Pelly Amendment") (22 U.S.C. 1978) that nationals of Iceland have conducted whaling activities that diminish the effectiveness of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) conservation program; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–21) **Page S5682**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Wendy Ruth Sherman, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs). **Pages S5692, S5698**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ronald Lee Buch, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Alastair M. Fitzpayne, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Brad Carson, of Oklahoma, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

Kevin A. Ohlson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law.

6 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Authorities for Committees To Meet: **Page S5692**

Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—138) **Pages S5662, S5663, S5665, S5668–69**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:07 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, September 16, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5693.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

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

H.R. 2219, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

An original bill (S. 1572) making appropriations for Departments of Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012;

An original bill (S. 1573) making appropriations for Financial Services and General Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012;

An original bill (H.R. 2551) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012.

ECONOMIC POLICY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine policy prescriptions for the economy, after receiving testimony from Mark Zandi, Moody's Analytics, West Chester, Pennsylvania; and Chad Stone, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and Kevin A. Hassett, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gregory Howard Woods, of New York, to be General Counsel, David T. Danielson, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and LaDoris Guess Harris, of Georgia, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, all of the Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TAX REFORM OPTIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax reform options, focusing on promoting retirement security, after receiving testimony from Jack VanDerhei, Employee Benefit Research Institute, William G. Gale, Brookings Institution Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, and Karen Friedman, Pension Rights Center, all of Washington, D.C.; and Judy A. Miller, American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries, Arlington, Virginia.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine improving financial accountability at the Department of Defense, focusing on ongoing challenges in implementing the financial improvement and audit readiness plan, after receiving testimony from Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary, and Comptroller, Elizabeth A. McGrath, Deputy Chief Management Officer, Gladys J. Commons, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management, and Comptroller, Mary Sally Matiella, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management, and Comptroller, and Jamie M. Morin, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management, and Comptroller, all of the Department of Defense; and Asif A. Khan, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office.

EMPLOYMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of employment for people with the most significant disabilities, after receiving testimony from Katy Beh Neas, Easter Seals Office of Public Affairs, and Jonathan Young, National Council on Disability, both of Washington, D.C.; Fredric Schroeder, San Diego State University Interwork Institute, San Diego, California; Ruby Moore, Georgia Advocacy Office, Decatur; Janet Samuelson, ServiceSource, Alexandria, Virginia; Michael Pearson, Union Packaging, LLC, Yeadon, Pennsylvania; Julie Petty, Fayetteville, Arkansas; and Deb Pumphrey, Ottumwa, Iowa.

TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tribal transportation, focusing on paving the way for jobs, infrastructure, and safety in native communities, after receiving testimony from John R. Baxter, Associate Administrator for Federal Lands, Federal Highway Administration, and Robert Sparrow, Indian Reservation Roads Program Manager, Office of Federal Lands Highways, both of the Department of Transportation; Paul Tsosie, Chief of Staff, Office of the Assistant Secretary, and Leroy Gishi, Chief, Division of Transportation, both of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Jefferson Keel, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; C. John Healy Sr., Intertribal Transportation Association, Harlem, Montana; Charles W. Murphy, and Pete Red Tomahawk, both

of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Fort Yates, North Dakota; Wes Martel, and John P. Smith, both of the Eastern Shoshone Business Council, Fort Washakie, Wyoming; Paulson Chaco, Navajo Nation Division of Transportation, Window Rock, Arizona; and Jacque Hostler, Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria, Trinidad, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Edgardo Ramos, of Connecticut, Andrew L. Carter, Jr., and Jesse M. Furman, all to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and James Rodney Gilstrap, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

DISASTER RECOVERY

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine disaster recovery, focusing on evaluating the role of America's small business in rebuilding their communities, and Federal contracting in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, after receiving testimony from Albert B. Sligh, Jr., Associate Administrator, Mission Support Bureau, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Brigadier General Theodore C. Harrison, Director, National Contracting Organization, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, Department of Defense; William T. Woods, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Dale P. Rentrop, Jr., Tiger Tugz, LLC, Berwick, Louisiana; Mindy Nunez Airhart, Southern Services and Equipment, Inc., St. Bernard, Louisiana; and Terri Bennett, Missouri Southern State University Heartland Procurement Technical Assistance Center, and Sid F. Davis, Big John's Heavy Equipment, both of Joplin, Missouri.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 2935–2964; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 80; and H. Res. 400–402, were introduced. **Pages H6230–32**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6233–34**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 399, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 79) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–207);

H.R. 2401, to require analyses of the cumulative and incremental impacts of certain rules and actions of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–208); and

H.R. 2646, to authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects and leases, to extend certain expiring provisions of law, and to modify certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–209). **Page H6230**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Poe to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6185**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of Springfield, Illinois. **Page H6185**

Oath of Office—Second Congressional District of Nevada: Representative-elect Mark Amodei 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 facsimile copy of a letter from Mr. Scott Gilles, Deputy Secretary of Elections, on behalf of Nevada Secretary of State, the Honorable Ross Miller, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held September 13, 2011, the Honorable Mark E. Amodei was elected Representative to Congress for the Second Congressional District, State of Nevada. **Pages H6195–96**

Oath of Office—Ninth Congressional District of New York: Representative-elect Bob Turner 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 facsimile copy of a letter from Mr. Robert Brehm and Mr. Todd Valentine, Co-Executive Directors of the Board of Elections, State of New York, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held September 13, 2011, the Honorable Bob

Turner was elected Representative to Congress for the Ninth Congressional District, State of New York. **Pages H6195–96**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Nevada, Mr. Amodei, and the gentleman from New York, Mr. Turner, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 434. **Page H6196**

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

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reform and Reauthorization Act of 2011: H.R. 2867, amended, to reauthorize the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 391 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 709. **Pages H6197–98**

Protecting Jobs From Government Interference Act: The House passed H.R. 2587, to prohibit the National Labor Relations Board from ordering any employer to close, relocate, or transfer employment under any circumstance, by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 711. **Pages H6198–H6215**

Rejected the Bishop (NY) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 189 yeas to 235 nays, Roll No. 710. **Pages H6213–14**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H6198**

H. Res. 372, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 708, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 707. **Pages H6187–95, H6196–97**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, September 19th. **Page H6218**

Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Dreier, Lungren, Miller (MI), Smith (NE), Huizenga, Higgins, Meeks, Slaughter, Welch, and Larsen (WA). **Page H6219**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a report with respect to Iceland's commercial whaling activities—referred to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Natural Resources and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–54). **Pages H6228–29**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6194–95, H6196–97, H6197, H6214, and H6215. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ORGANIZATIONAL CHALLENGES IN ACHIEVING SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Panel on Defense Financial Management and Audibility Reform held a hearing on organizational challenges in achieving sound financial management and audit readiness. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Mitchell H. Stevenson, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, G–4, U.S. Army; Vice Admiral David Architzel, USN Commander, Naval Air Systems Command; Major General Judith A. Fedder, Director of Logistics, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations and Mission Support, USAF; and Martha Smith, Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Services.

SUSTAINING GPS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on sustaining GPS for national security. Testimony was heard from General William L. Shelton, Commander, USAF Space Command; Teresa M. Takai, Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense; Julius Genachowski, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Karl Nebbia, Associate Administrator, Office of Spectrum Management, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; and Anthony J. Russo, National Coordination Office, Space-Based Positioning, Navigation and Training, NOAA.

INTERNET PRIVACY: THE IMPACT AND BURDEN OF EU REGULATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled "Internet Privacy: The Impact and Burden of EU Regulation." Testimony was heard from Nicole Lamb-Hale, Assistant Secretary, International Trade Administration; and public witnesses.

SAVING JOBS FROM PPACA'S HARMFUL REGULATIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Cutting the Red Tape: Saving Jobs from PPACA's Harmful Regulations." Testimony was heard from Steve Larsen, Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE AND ENHANCE THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Fixing the Watchdog: Legislative Proposals to Improve and Enhance the Securities and Exchange Commission." Testimony was heard from Mary Schapiro, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee began markup of the following: H.R. 2885, the "Legal Workforce Act"; and H.R. 2847, the "American Specialty Agriculture Act." The Committee adjourned for the week and will resume next week.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on legislation to establish in the Department of the Interior an Under Secretary for Energy, Lands, and Minerals and a Bureau of Ocean Energy, an Ocean Energy Safety Service, and an Office of Natural Resources Revenue, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Michael Bromwich, Director, BOEMRE; Donald Boesch, President, Univ. of MD Center for Environmental Science, and Commissioner, National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1162, to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, and for other purposes; H.R. 2087, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia; H.R. 2336, the "York River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2011"; H.R. 2351, the "North Cascades National Park Service Complex Fish Stocking Act"; H.R. 2352, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside; H.R. 2606, the "New York City Natural Gas Supply Enhancement Act"; and H.R. 2687, the "Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act." Testimony was heard from Rep. Dicks; Rep. Rigell; Rep. Pingree of Maine; Rep. Grimm; Rep. Kingston; Herbert C. Frost, Associate Director, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Cas Holloway, Deputy New York City Mayor, New York City, New York; Maryann J. Minard, Director of Curriculum, York School Department; Wanda Thornton, Member, Accomack County Board of Supervisors; and public witnesses.

CONNECTING INVESTORS AND JOB CREATORS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services, and Bailouts of the Public and Private Programs held a hearing entitled "Crowdfunding: Connecting Investors and Job Creators." Testimony was heard from Meredith B. Cross, Director, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTING IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense, and Foreign Operations held a hearing entitled "Defense Department Contracting in Afghanistan: Are We Doing Enough To Combat Corruption?" Testimony was heard from Gary J. Motsek, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Program Support, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Logistics and Material Readiness), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Department of Defense; Kim Denver, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Procurement, Department of Defense; and Brigadier General Stephen Townsend, USA, Director, Joint Staff Pakistan Afghanistan Coordination Cell, Department of Defense.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION, 2012

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.J. Res. 79, the "Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2012." The Committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides that the

joint resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule provides that all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution, as amended, are waived. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rogers of Kentucky; and Rep. Dicks.

EPA'S CROSS-STATE AIR POLLUTION RULE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Out of Thin Air: EPA's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule.'' Testimony was heard from Gina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA; Bryan W. Shaw, Chairman, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; Barry T. Smitherman, Commissioner, Texas Railroad Commission; Chip Merriam, Chief Legislative and Regulatory Compliance Officer, Orlando Utilities Commission; and public witnesses.

HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES COMPETE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled ''Helping Small Businesses Compete: Challenges Within Programs Designed To Assist Small Contractors.'' Testimony was heard from Joseph G. Jordan, Associate Administrator of Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration; Jiyoung Park, Associate Administrator, Office of Small Business Utilization, General Services Administration; and William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, September 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, September 19

House Chamber

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