

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.

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# 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  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-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 ye-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 ye-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 ye-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 708, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-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).

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**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 ye-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.