Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7587–S7631

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1876–1882, and S. Res. 324–331. **Pages S7612–13**

Measures Passed:

National Adoption Day and Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 302, expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S7605–08**

United States-Australia Alliance 60th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 324, commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the United States-Australia alliance. **Pages S7604–05**

Combined Federal Campaign 50th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 296, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Combined Federal Campaign. **Page S7627**

Recyclable Materials: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 251, expressing support for improvement in the collection, processing, and consumption of recyclable materials throughout the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S7627–28**

Honoring the Life of Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr.: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 303, honoring the life, service, and sacrifice of Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr., United States Army, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7628**

Whitehouse (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 1057, to amend the preamble by modifying a date. **Page S7628**

Feed America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 326, designating Thursday, November 17, 2011, as "Feed America Day". **Page S7629**

American Diabetes Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 327, supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month. **Pages S7629–30**

Global Entrepreneurship Week/USA: Senate agreed to S. Res. 328, designating the week of November 14 through 20, 2011, as "Global Entrepreneurship Week/USA". **Page S7630**

National Native American Heritage Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 329, recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States. **Page S7630**

Above Ground Nuclear Weapons Testing: Senate agreed to S. Res. 330, designating January 27, 2012, as a national day of remembrance for Americans who, during the Cold War, worked and lived downwind from nuclear testing sites and were adversely affected by the radiation exposure generated by the above ground nuclear weapons testing. **Page S7630**

Measures Considered:

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2354, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7596–98**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 957, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7596**

Reid Amendment No. 958 (to Amendment No. 957), to change the enactment date. **Page S7596**

Reid Amendment No. 959 (to Amendment No. 958), of a perfecting nature. **Page S7596**

Reid Amendment No. 960 (to language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 957), to change the enactment date. **Page S7596**

Reid Amendment No. 961 (to Amendment No. 960), of a perfecting nature. **Page S7596**

Reid Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 962, to change the enactment date. **Page S7596**

Reid Amendment No. 963 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 962), of a perfecting nature. **Page S7596**

Reid Amendment No. 964 (to Amendment No. 963), of a perfecting nature. **Page S7596**

Department of Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, November 17, 2011, Senate begin consideration of S. 1867, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Page S7630**

Messages from the House: **Page S7611**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S7620–27**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S7627**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S7627**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:51 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7630.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine a progress report on management and structural reforms at the Securities and Exchange Commission, after receiving testimony from Robert Khuzami, Director, Division of Enforcement, Meredith Cross, Director, Division of Corporation Finance, Robert Cook, Director, Division of Trading and Markets, Carlo di Florio, Director, Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations, Eileen Rominger, Director, Division of Investment Management, and Craig Lewis, Chief Economist and Director, Division of Risk, Strategy, and Financial Innovation, all of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

IMPROVING REGULATORY PERFORMANCE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving regulatory performance, focusing on lessons from the United Kingdom, after receiving testimony from Graham Turnock, and Johannes Wolff, both of the United Kingdom's Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, both of the United Kingdom; Michael Greenstone, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; and Jitinder Kohli, Center for American Progress Action Fund, Washington, D.C.

CONTINUED INNOVATION IN FORECASTING AND PREDICTION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine the need for continued innovation in forecasting and prediction, focusing on how Federal efforts to provide information could help government decision making, after receiving testimony from Mary Glackin, Deputy Under Secretary for Operations, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, both of the Department of Commerce; David Trimble, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Rear Admiral Cari B. Thomas, Director, Response Policy, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Tom Iseman, Western Governors' Association, Denver, Colorado; Peter P. Neilley, The Weather Channel Companies, Andover, Massachusetts; and Robert S. Marshall, Earth Networks, Inc., Germantown, Maryland.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine government contractors, focusing on agency programs that need greater attention, and improved governmentwide oversight, after receiving testimony from Daniel I. Gordon, Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget; William T. Woods, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; David M. Sims, Chair, Interagency Suspension and Debarment Committee; Allison C. Lerner, Inspector General, National Science Foundation; and Steven A. Shaw, Deputy General Counsel for Contractor Responsibility, Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kathryn

Keneally, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, and Brian C. Wimes, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri, who was introduced by Senator McCaskill, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3433–3450; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 88; and H. Res. 468–469 were introduced. **Pages H7713–14**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7714–15**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2405, to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act relating to public health preparedness and countermeasure development, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–286);

H.R. 2937, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for enhanced safety and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, to provide for enhanced reliability in the transportation of the Nation's energy products by pipeline, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–287 Pt. 1);

H.R. 585, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for the establishment and approval of small business concern size standards by the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration (H. Rept. 112–288);

H.R. 527, to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–289 Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 467, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2112) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–290); and

H.R. 527, to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–289 Pt. 2). **Pages H7712–13**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Marchant to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7629**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7637**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:43 p.m. and reconvened at 1:03 p.m. **Page H7643**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and concur in the following measure:

3% Withholding Repeal and Job Creation Act: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 674, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the imposition of 3 percent withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities and to modify the calculation of modified adjusted gross income for purposes of determining eligibility for certain healthcare-related programs (by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 853). **Pages H7643–61, H7690–91**

National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011: The House passed H.R. 822, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State, by a recorded vote of 272 ayes to 154 noes, Roll No. 852. **Pages H7661–90**

Rejected the Cicilline motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 161 ayes to 263 noes, Roll No. 851. **Pages H7687–89**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H7670**

Agreed to:

Reichert amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 112–283) that requires a GAO study on the ability of State and local law enforcement authorities to verify the validity of out-of-State concealed firearms permits. **Pages H7681–82**

Rejected:

Woodall amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–283) that sought to protect the rights of States that already have reciprocal agreements in place for the concealed carry of firearms to continue enforcing those preexisting agreements (by a recorded vote of 140 ayes to 280 noes, Roll No. 843);

Pages H7671–72, H7682–83

McCarthy (NY) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–283) that sought to specify that the legislation can only go into effect in States that have passed legislation enacting the bill (by a recorded vote of 147 ayes to 274 noes, Roll No. 844);

Pages H7672–73, H7683

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–283) that sought to exempt States from issuing a carry permit on the basis of State reciprocity which do not require individuals to apply for and complete a carry permit application at their local law enforcement station (by a recorded vote of 148 ayes to 277 noes, Roll No. 845);

Pages H7673–74, H7683–84

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–283) that sought to require a state to create a comprehensive database that would contain all permits and licenses issued by the State for carrying a concealed weapon and would make this comprehensive database available to law enforcement officers from all states 24 hours a day (by a recorded vote of 139 ayes to 284 noes, Roll No. 846);

Pages H7674–76, H7684–85

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–283) that sought to require the possession or carrying of a concealed handgun in a state to be subject to that state's law regarding concealed carry in regards to firearm safety training that includes live-fire exercise (by a recorded vote of 144 ayes to 281 noes, Roll No. 847); **Pages H7676–77, H7685**

Cohen amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–283) that sought to exempt from the bill any State law requiring a person to be at least 21 years of age to possess or carry a concealed handgun (by a recorded vote of 150 ayes to 276 noes, Roll No. 848); **Pages H7677–78, H7685–86**

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–283) that sought to require a person provide at least 24 hours notice to a law enforcement officer of the State of the intention to possess or carry a concealed handgun in the State (by a recorded vote of 123 ayes to 299 noes, Roll No. 849); and **Pages H7678–80, H7686–87**

Cicilline amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 112–283) that sought to limit the bill from taking effect in a state until the State Attorney General, head of the State police, and the Secretary of State have jointly certified that the other state's carry laws are substantially similar to its own licensing or permitting requirements (by a recorded vote of 146 ayes to 277 noes, Roll No. 850). **Pages H7680–81, H7687**

H. Res. 463, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, November 15th.

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on November 14th:

Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3004, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 260 California Drive in Yountville, California, as the "Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz Post Office Building"; **Page H7691**

Tomball Veterans Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 2660, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 North Holderrieth Boulevard in Tomball, Texas, as the "Tomball Veterans Post Office"; **Page H7691**

Trooper Joshua D. Miller Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2415, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Dock Street in Pittston, Pennsylvania, as the "Trooper Joshua D. Miller Post Office Building"; and **Page H7691**

Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 1791, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the "Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse". **Page H7691**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7682–83, H7683, H7683–84, H7684–85, H7685, H7685–86, H7686–87, H7687, H7689, H7689–90 and H7690–91. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MARINE CORPS ACQUISITION AND MODERNIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on United States Marine Corps Acquisition and Modernization. Testimony was heard from William E. Taylor, Program Executive Officer, Land Systems, U.S. Marine Corps; Brigadier General Frank L. Kelley, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command; and

Brigadier General Daniel J. O'Donohue, USMC, Director, Capabilities Development Directorate, Combat Development and Integration, U.S. Marine Corps.

EDUCATION RESEARCH

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled ''Education Research: Identifying Effective Programs to Support Students and Teachers.'' Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a markup of the following: H.R. 3309, the ''Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2011''; and H.R. 3310, the ''Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2011.'' Both bills were forwarded, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit; and the Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a joint hearing on H.R. 1697, the ''Communities First Act.'' Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INSURANCE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled ''Insurance Oversight and Legislative Proposals.'' Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RIGHTING THE ENDURING WRONGS OF THE HOLOCAUST

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Righting the Enduring Wrongs of the Holocaust: Insurance Accountability and Rail Justice.'' Testimony was heard from Rep. Garamendi; Rep. Maloney; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3261, the ''Stop Online Piracy Act.'' Testimony was heard from Maria Pallante, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

U.S. OIL AND NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''The Future of U.S. Oil and Natural Gas Development on Federal Lands and Waters.'' Testimony was heard from Ken Salazar, Secretary, Department of the Interior.

SHOULD FANNIE AND FREDDIE EXECUTIVES BE RECEIVING MILLIONS IN BONUSES?

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Pay for Performance: Should Fannie and Freddie Executives Be Receiving Millions in Bonuses?'' Testimony was heard from Edward J. DeMarco, Acting Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency; and public witnesses.

BATTLE AGAINST TAXPAYER WASTE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform held a hearing entitled ''On the Frontlines in the Acquisition Workforce's Battle Against Taxpayer Waste.'' Testimony was heard from Dan Gordon, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy; John Hutton, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Donna Jenkins, President, Federal Acquisition Institute; Katrina McFarland, President, Defense Acquisition University; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 10, the ''Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act of 2011.'' The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012 (CONSOLIDATED AND FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012)

Committee on Rules: Held a hearing on the conference report to H.R. 2112, the ''Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012.'' (Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 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 intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. The rule provides that debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XII.

Testimony was heard from Chairman Rogers of Kentucky; and Rep. Dicks.

HYDRAULIC FRACTURING OF SHALE BEDS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled ''Hydraulic Fracturing of Shale Beds: Ensuring Regulatory Approaches that Will Help Protect Jobs and Domestic Energy Production.'' Testimony was heard from Cynthia Dougherty, Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, United States Environmental Protection Agency; James Hanlon, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, Environmental Protection Agency; Michael Krancer, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

U.S. MANUFACTURING

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine manufacturing in the United States of America, focusing on paving the road to job creation, after receiving testimony from Andrew Herrmann, American Society of Civil Engineers, Chris Edwards, Cato Institute, and Robert Puentes, Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.; and Veronique de Rugy, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael A. Sheehan, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, Mark William Lippert, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, and Brad Carson, of Oklahoma, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, all of the Department of Defense, and Kevin A. Ohlson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Maurice A. Jones, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Secretary, and Carol J. Galante, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Thomas Hoenig, to be a Member and Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine NASA's human space exploration, focusing on direction, strategy and progress, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion, to hold hearings to examine tourism in America, focusing on moving our economy forward, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: To hold hearings to examine the Secretary of the Interior's Order No. 3315 to consolidate and establish the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement within the Bureau of Land Management, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: With the Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health, to hold joint hearings to examine the ''Safe Chemicals Act'', 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary John Miller, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary, and Alastair M. Fitzpayne, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, Kathleen Kerrigan, of Massachusetts, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and Henry J. Aaron, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: To hold hearings to examine ''The Americans with Disabilities Act'' and accessible transportation, focusing on challenges and opportunities, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: To hold an oversight hearing to examine the future of internet gaming, focusing on what's at stake for tribes, 2:15 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: Business meeting to consider S. 1793, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the longstanding practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes, H.R. 2076, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the longstanding practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes, S. 1794, to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code, H.R. 347, to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code, H.R. 2189, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, S. 1792, to clarify the authority of the United States Marshals Service to assist other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies in the investigation of cases involving sex offenders and missing children, S. 671, to authorize the United States Marshals Service to issue administrative subpoenas in investigations relating to unregistered sex offenders, and the nominations of Jacqueline H. Nguyen, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Gregg Jeffrey Costa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and David Campos Guaderrama, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Panel on Defense Financial Management and Audibility Reform, hearing on Industry Perspectives on Achieving Audit Readiness, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled ''The Solyndra Failure: Views from DOE Secretary Chu.'' 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, markup of the following: H.R. 1588, the ''Consumer Rental Purchase Agreement Act''; and H.R. 1723, the ''Common Sense Economic Recovery Act of 2011.'' 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 2918, the ''Taiwan Policy Act of 2011;'' and H.R. 2992, the ''Taiwan Airpower Modernization Act of 2011.'' 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled ''The 2011 International Religious Freedom Report.'' 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, Narcoterrorism and the Long Reach of U.S. Law Enforcement, Part II.'' 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies will hold a hearing entitled ''S&T on a Budget: Finding Smarter Approaches to Spur Innovation, Impose Discipline, Drive Job Creation and Strengthen Homeland Security.'' 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled ''Ensuring Coordination and Cooperation: A Review of the Emergency Communications Offices Within the Department of Homeland Security.'' 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 1996, the ''Government Litigation Savings Act''; H.R. 1864, the ''Mobile Workforce State Income Tax Simplification Act of 2011''; H.R. 3256, the ''Deport Convicted Foreign Criminals Act of 2011''; and H.R. 2815, to revise the Federal charter for the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., to reflect a change in eligibility requirements for membership. 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 200, the ''Inland Empire Perchlorate Ground Water Plume Assessment Act of 2011''; H.R. 205, the ''HEARTH Act of 2011''; H.R. 1545, the ''Waco Mammoth National Monument Establishment Act of 2011''; H.R. 2027, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI–04P, Easton Beach Unit RI–05P, Almy Pond Unit RI–06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI–07 in Rhode Island; H.R. 2070, the ''World War II Memorial Prayer Act of 2011''; H.R. 2087, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia; H.R. 2154, to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Gasparilla Island Unit FL–70P; H.R. 2236, the ''Wildlife Refuge System Conservation Semipostal Stamp Act of 2011''; H.R. 2336, the ''York River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2011''; H.R. 2362, the ''Indian Tribal Trade and Investment Demonstration Project Act of 2011''; H.R. 2606, the ''New York City Natural Gas Supply Enhancement Act''; H.R. 2719, the ''Rattlesnake Mountain Public Access Act of 2011''; H.R. 2834, the ''Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act''; H.R. 2938, the ''Gila Bend Indian Reservation Lands Replacement Clarification Act''; H.R. 3117, the ''Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2011''; H.R. 3397, the ''Cabin Fee Act of 2011''; H.R. 3404, 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; and S. 535, the ''Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act''. 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 373, the ''Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2011''; H.R. 3071, the ''Presidential Records Act Amendments of 2011''; H.R. 665, the ''Excess Federal Building and Property Disposal Act of 2011''; H.R. 3433, the ''Grant Reform and New Transparency (GRANT) Act of 2011''; and legislation on the ''District of Columbia Local Budget Autonomy Act of 2011''. 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3094, the ''Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act.'' 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing entitled ''Fostering Quality Science at EPA: The Need for Common Sense Reform.'' 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade, hearing entitled ''Adrift in New Regulatory Burdens and Uncertainty: A Review of Proposed and Potential Regulations on Family Farmers.'' 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on the international tax reform discussion draft released on October 26, 2011 by the Committee on Ways and Means, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 10 a.m., HVC–304. This is a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine if tax reform can boost business investment and job creation, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, November 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will begin consideration of S. 1867, Department of Defense Authorization Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, November 17

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Begin consideration of H.J. Res. 2—Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2112—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

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