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# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

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# Senate

## Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7633–S7784*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1883–1904, and S. Res. 332–333. **Pages S7701–02**

**Measures Reported:**

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2012." (S. Rept. No. 112–95)

Report to accompany S. 1301, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2012 through 2015 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons. (S. Rept. No. 112–96)

H.R. 347, to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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. 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.

S. 1794, to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code, with amendments. **Page S7701**

**Measures Passed:**

***Protect the Safety of Judges:*** Senate passed H.R. 1059, to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S7776–77**

***Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation:*** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2056, to instruct the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to study the impact of insured depository institution failures, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7777**

Levin Amendment No. 1221, to clarify the types of losses to be studied, to require appearances before Congress. **Page S7777**

***America's Cup Act:*** Senate passed H.R. 3321, to facilitate the hosting in the United States of the 34th America's Cup by authorizing certain eligible vessels to participate in activities related to the competition, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7777–78**

Levin (for Feinstein/Cantwell) Amendment No. 1222, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7777–78**

***American Medical Isotopes Production Act:*** Senate passed S. 99, to promote the production of molybdenum-99 in the United States for medical isotope production, and to condition and phase out the export of highly enriched uranium for the production of medical isotopes, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7778–82**

Levin (for Bingaman/Murkowski) Amendment No. 1223, to improve the bill. **Pages S7780–82**

***American Education Week:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 332, supporting the goals and ideals of American Education Week. **Page S7782**

***United States Former Prisoners of War:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 333, welcoming and commending the Government of Japan for extending an official apology to all United States former prisoners of war from the Pacific War and establishing in 2010 a visitation program to Japan for surviving veterans, family members, and descendants. **Pages S7782–83**

**Measures Considered:**

**Department of Defense Authorization Act—Agreement:** Senate began 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7638–77, S7684–94**

Adopted:

Ayotte Amendment No. 1065, relating to the force structure for strategic airlift aircraft. **Pages S7651–52**

Cardin Amendment No. 1188, to expand the Operation Hero Miles program to include the authority to accept the donation of travel benefits in the form of hotel points or awards for free or reduced-cost accommodations. **Page S7686**

Pending:

Levin/McCain Amendment No. 1092, to bolster the detection and avoidance of counterfeit electronic parts. **Pages S7643–48, S7662**

McConnell (for Kirk) Amendment No. 1084, to require the President to impose sanctions on foreign financial institutions that conduct transactions with the Central Bank of Iran. **Pages S7638–39, S7650–51**

Leahy Amendment No. 1072, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the National Guard, enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and improvement of Federal-State military coordination in domestic emergency response. **Page S7660**

Paul/Gillibrand Amendment No. 1064, to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002. **Pages S7674, S7675**

Merkley Amendment No. 1174, to express the sense of Congress regarding the expedited transition of responsibility for military and security operations in Afghanistan to the Government of Afghanistan. **Pages S7674–75**

Feinstein Amendment No. 1125, to clarify the applicability of requirements for military custody with respect to detainees. **Page S7685**

Feinstein Amendment No. 1126, to limit the authority of Armed Forces to detain citizens of the United States under section 1031. **Page S7685**

Udall (CO) Amendment No. 1107, to revise the provisions relating to detainee matters. **Page S7685**

Landrieu/Snowe Amendment No. 1115, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes. **Page S7685**

Franken Amendment No. 1197, to require contractors to make timely payments to subcontractors that are small business concerns. **Page S7685**

Cardin/Mikulski Amendment No. 1073, to prohibit expansion or operation of the District of Columbia National Guard Youth Challenge Program in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. **Pages S7685–86**

Begich Amendment No. 1114, to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize space-available travel on military aircraft for members of the reserve components, a member or former member of a reserve component who is eligible for retired pay but for age, widows and widowers of retired members, and dependents. **Page S7686**

Begich Amendment No. 1149, to authorize a land conveyance and exchange at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska. **Pages S7686–87**

Shaheen Amendment No. 1120, to exclude cases in which pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest from the prohibition on funding of abortions by the Department of Defense. **Page S7687**

Collins Amendment No. 1105, to make permanent the requirement for certifications relating to the transfer of detainees at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to foreign countries and other foreign entities. **Pages S7688–89**

Collins Amendment No. 1155, to authorize educational assistance under the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship program for pursuit of advanced degrees in physical therapy and occupational therapy. **Pages S7688–89**

Collins Amendment No. 1158, to clarify the permanence of the prohibition on transfers of recidivist

detainees at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to foreign countries and entities. **Pages S7688–89**

Collins/Shaheen Amendment No. 1180, relating to man-portable air-defense systems originating from Libya. **Pages S7688–89**

Inhofe Amendment No. 1094, to include the Department of Commerce in contract authority using competitive procedures but excluding particular sources for establishing certain research and development capabilities. **Pages S7689–91**

Inhofe Amendment No. 1095, to express the sense of the Senate on the importance of addressing deficiencies in mental health counseling. **Pages S7689–91**

Inhofe Amendment No. 1096, to express the sense of the Senate on treatment options for members of the Armed Forces and veterans for Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. **Pages S7689–91**

Inhofe Amendment No. 1097, to eliminate gaps and redundancies between the over 200 programs within the Department of Defense that address psychological health and traumatic brain injury. **Pages S7689–91**

Inhofe Amendment No. 1098, to require a report on the impact of foreign boycotts on the defense industrial base. **Pages S7689–91**

Inhofe Amendment No. 1099, to express the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should implement the recommendations of the Comptroller General of the United States regarding prevention, abatement, and data collection to address hearing injuries and hearing loss among members of the Armed Forces. **Pages S7689–91**

Inhofe Amendment No. 1100, to extend to products and services from Latvia existing temporary authority to procure certain products and services from countries along a major route of supply to Afghanistan. **Pages S7689–91**

Inhofe Amendment No. 1101, to strike section 156, relating to a transfer of Air Force C–12 aircraft to the Army. **Pages S7689–91**

Inhofe Amendment No. 1102, to require a report on the feasibility of using unmanned aerial systems to perform airborne inspection of navigational aids in foreign airspace. **Pages S7689–91**

Inhofe Amendment No. 1093, to require the detention at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, of high-value enemy combatants who will be detained long-term. **Pages S7689–91**

Casey Amendment No. 1215, to require a certification on efforts by the Government of Pakistan to implement a strategy to counter improvised explosive devices. **Pages S7693–94**

Casey Amendment No. 1139, to require contractors to notify small business concerns that have been included in offers relating to contracts let by Federal agencies. **Pages S7693–94**

Casey Amendment No. 1140, to require a report by the Comptroller General on Department of Defense military spouse employment programs. **Pages S7693–94**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9 a.m., on Friday, November 18, 2011. **Page S7783**

**Conference Reports:**

***Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Programs Appropriations Act and Further Continuing Appropriations:*** By 70 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 208), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2112, making consolidated appropriations for the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative. **Pages S7678–84**

**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, November 17, 2011, Senator Bennet be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S7694**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to extending the period of production of the Naval Petroleum Reserves for a period of three years from April 5, 2012; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–34) **Page S7699**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Gershwin A. Drain, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Roy Wallace McLeese III, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years. **Page S7784**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S7699**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S7699**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Page S7699**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S7699–S7701**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S7702–04**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** Pages S7704–12

**Additional Statements:** Pages S7698–99

**Amendments Submitted:** Pages S7712–76

**Notices of Intent:** Page S7776

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** Page S7776

**Privileges of the Floor:** Page S7776

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—208) Page S7684

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:30 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, November 18, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7783.)

# *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing 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, who was introduced by Senator Leahy, and Brad Carson, of Oklahoma, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, who was introduced by Senator Inhofe, 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Maurice A. Jones, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Warner, 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, who was introduced by Senators McCaskill and Blunt, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## NASA HUMAN SPACE EXPLORATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine NASA's human space exploration, focusing on direction, strategy and progress, after receiving testimony from Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator, Robert D. Cabana, Director, Kennedy Space Center, Michael L. Coats, Director, Johnson Space Center, and Robert M. Lightfoot, Director, Marshall Space Flight Center, all of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

## TOURISM IN AMERICA

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion concluded a hearing to examine tourism in America, focusing on moving our economy forward, after receiving testimony from Ken Hyatt, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Services; David T. Donahue, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Services; James P. Evans, Brand USA, Washington, D.C.; John F. Edman, Explore Minnesota Tourism, St. Paul; Jonathan Zuk, Receptive Services Association of America (RSAA), Lexington, Kentucky; and Jonathan Tisch, Lowes Hotels, New York, New York.

## OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from David J. Hayes, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Bradley C. Lambert, Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy Deputy Director, Big Stone Gap, on behalf of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission; John Corra, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Director, Cheyenne; Patrick C. McGinley, West Virginia University College of Law, Morgantown; Katie Sweeney, National Mining Association, Washington, D.C.; and DarAnne Dunning, Western Organization of Resource Councils, Helena, Montana.

## SAFE CHEMICALS ACT

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health to examine S. 847, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed, after receiving testimony from Ted Sturdevant, Washington State Department of Ecology Director, Lacey; and Charlotte Brody, BlueGreen Alliance, Cal Dooley, American Chemistry Council, Robert A. Matthews, McKenna, Long and Aldridge, on behalf of The Consumer Specialty Products Association (CSPA), and Richard A. Denison, Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), all of Washington, D.C.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing 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, who were both introduced by Senator Cardin, Kathleen Kerrigan, of Massachusetts, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, who was introduced by Senator Kerry, and Henry J. Aaron, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Americans with Disabilities Act and accessible transportation, focusing on challenges and opportunities, after receiving testimony from David M. Capozzi, U.S. Access Board, and Jill Houghton, US Business Leadership Network, both of Washington, D.C.; Marca Bristo, Access Living, Chicago, Illinois; and Billy Altom, Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

## INTERNET GAMING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the future of internet gaming, focusing on what's at stake for tribes, after receiving testimony from Lawrence S. Roberts, National Indian Gaming Commission, Ernest Stevens, Jr., and Mark Van Norman, both of the National Indian Gaming Association, and former Senator Alfonse D'Amato, and John Pappas, both of the Poker Players Alliance, all of Washington, D.C.; Bruce Bozsum, Mohegan Tribe, Uncasville, Connecticut; Glen Gobin, Tulalip Tribes, Tulalip, Washington; Penny Coleman, Coleman Indian Law, Arlington, Virginia; and Grant Eve, Joseph Eve, Great Falls, Montana.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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H.R. 347, to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

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.

## 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:** 22 public bills, H.R. 3451–3472; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 89 and H. Res. 471, were introduced.

Pages H7828–29

**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages H7830–31

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows: H. Res. 470, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3094) to amend the National Labor Relations Act with respect to representation hearings and the timing of elections of labor organizations under that Act (H. Rept. 112–291). Page H7828

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Poe to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H7717

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. Page H7729

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Martin R. Springer, Trinity Lutheran Ministries, Edwardsville, Illinois. **Page H7729**

**Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules:** The House agreed to H. Res. 466, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a yea-and-nay vote of 248 yeas to 169 nays, Roll No. 855, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 854. **Pages H7737–45**

**Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012—Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report to accompany 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 298 yeas to 121 nays, Roll No. 857. **Pages H7746–82**

H. Res. 467, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 262 yeas to 156 nays, Roll No. 856, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H7733–37, H7745–46**

**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House began consideration of the following resolution under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

***Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States:*** H.J. Res. 2, amended, to propose a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

**Pages H7782–H7805**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his decision to extend production of the Naval Petroleum Reserves for a period of 3 years from April 5, 2012—referred to the Committee on Armed Services and ordered printed (H. Doc. 112–73). **Page H7805**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7805.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7744, H7744–45, H7745–46, and H7781. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

# *Committee Meetings*

## DEFENSE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND AUDIBILITY REFORM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Panel on Defense Financial Management and Audibility Reform held a hearing on Industry Perspectives on Achieving Audit Readiness. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## SOLYNDRA FAILURE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled ''The Solyndra Failure: Views from DOE Secretary Chu.'' Testimony was heard from Steven Chu, Secretary, Department of Energy.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a 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.'' H.R. 1588 was forwarded, as amended. H.R. 1588 did not pass.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 2918, the ''Taiwan Policy Act of 2011;'' and H.R. 2992, the ''Taiwan Airpower Modernization Act of 2011.'' H.R. 2918 and H.R. 2992 were ordered reported, as amended.

## 2011 INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM REPORT

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled ''The 2011 International Religious Freedom Report.'' Testimony was heard from Leonard Leo, Chairman, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom; and public witnesses.

## NARCOTERRORISM

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled ''Narcoterrorism and the Long Reach of U.S. Law Enforcement, Part II.'' Testimony was heard from Derek S. Maltz, Special Agent in Charge, Special Operations Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

## S&T ON A BUDGET

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled ''S&T on a Budget: Finding Smarter Approaches to Spur Innovation, Impose Discipline, Drive Job Creation and Strengthen Homeland Security.'' Testimony was heard from Tara O'Toole, Under Secretary, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and David C. Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

## EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS OFFICES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled ''Ensuring Coordination and Cooperation: A Review of the Emergency Communications Offices Within the Department of Homeland Security.'' Testimony was heard from Chris Essid, Director, Office of Emergency Communications, Department of Homeland Security; John O'Connor, Manager, National Coordinating Center for Communications, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Damon Penn, Assistant Administrator, National Continuity Programs, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Eric Edwards, Director, Disaster Emergency Communications Division, Response Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and Linda K. Moore, Specialist in Telecommunications and Spectrum Policy, Congressional Research Service.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a 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''; 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. H.R. 2815 was ordered reported without amendment. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1966; and H.R. 1864.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a 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.'' The following were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 200; H.R. 2027; H.R. 2236; H.R. 2362; H.R. 2719; H.R. 3392; and S. 535. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 205; H.R. 1545; H.R. 2070; H.R. 2087; H.R. 2154; H.R. 2336; H.R. 2606; H.R. 2834; H.R. 2938; H.R. 3117; and H.R. 3404.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a 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''; and H.R. 3433, the ''Grant Reform and New Transparency (GRANT) Act of 2011.'' The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 665; H.R. 3071; H.R. 3433; and H.R. 373.

## WORKFORCE DEMOCRACY AND FAIRNESS ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3094, the ''Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act.'' The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that 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 original text for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment

may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Testimony was heard from Chairman Kline; Rep. George Miller of California; Rep. Andrews; and Rep. Bishop of New York.

### FOSTERING QUALITY SCIENCE AT EPA

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled "Fostering Quality Science at EPA: The Need for Common Sense Reform." Testimony was heard from Paul Anastas, Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency; David Trimble, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and Arthur Elkins, Jr., Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

### REGULATIONS ON FAMILY FARMERS

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade held a hearing entitled "Adrift in New Regulatory Burdens and Uncertainty: A Review of Proposed and Potential Regulations on Family Farmers." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### INTERNATIONAL TAX REFORM

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on the international tax reform discussion draft released on October 26, 2011 by the Committee on Ways and Means. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### 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*

### TAX REFORM

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine if tax reform can boost business investment and job creation, after receiving testimony from Stephen J. Entin, Institute for Research on the Economics of Taxation, Chad Stone, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and Seth Hanlon, Center for American Progress Action Fund, all of Washington, D.C.; and Dan R. Mastromarco, Argus Group, Arlington, Virginia.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

*(For last listing of Public Laws, see* DAILY DIGEST, *p. D1201)*

H.R. 368, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts. Signed on November 9, 2011. (Public Law 112–51)

H.R. 818, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District. Signed on November 9, 2011. (Public Law 112–52)

S. 894, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2011, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. Signed on November 9, 2011. (Public Law 112–53)

S. 1487, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards. Signed on November 12, 2011. (Public Law 112–54)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2011

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### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

*Committee on Armed Services,* Panel on Business Challenges within the Defense Industry, hearing on Creating a 21st Century Defense Industry, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, hearing entitled "Internet Gaming: Regulating in an Online World." 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Full Committee, continue hearing entitled "ANWR: Jobs, Energy and Deficit Reduction." 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the following: the "American-Made Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act"; the "Alaskan Energy for American Jobs Act"; "Protecting Investment in Oil Shale the Next Generation of Environmental, Energy, and Resource Security Act;" and the "Coal Miner Employment and Domestic Energy Infrastructure Protection Act.

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**Program for Friday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 1867, Department of Defense Authorization Act.

*Next Meeting of the* HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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