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Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1949–1962, and S. Res. 345. **Pages S8413–14**

Measures Reported:

S. 1430, to authorize certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–99) **Page S8413**

Measures Passed:

National Flood Insurance Program: Senate passed S. 1958, to extend the National Flood Insurance Program until May 31, 2012. **Page S8408**

Umatilla Army Chemical Depot: Senate agreed to S. Res. 345, expressing the sense of the Senate on the closure of Umatilla Army Chemical Depot, Oregon. **Page S8419**

Measures Considered:

Payroll Tax Relief—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1944, to create jobs by providing payroll tax relief for middle class families and businesses. **Pages S8383–84**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, December 9, 2011. **Pages S8383–84**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Thursday, December 8, 2011, if cloture is not invoked on the nomination of Richard Cordray, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. **Page S8419**

Cordray Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 8, 2011, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Richard Cordray, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, with the time until 10:30 a.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination occur at 10:30 a.m. **Page S8419**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:03 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8419.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

LARGE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION REGULATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine enhanced supervision, focusing on a new regime for regulating large, complex financial institutions, after receiving testimony from Sheila C. Bair, former Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and Pew Charitable Trusts, and Arthur E. Wilmarth, Jr., George Washington University Law School, both of Washington, D.C.; Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, Boston; and Phillip L. Swagel, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy,

and University of Maryland School of Public Policy, College Park.

FORENSIC SCIENCE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine turning the investigation on the science of forensics, after receiving testimony from John Grisham, Innocence Project, Charlottesville, Virginia; Constantine Gatsonis, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island; Geoffrey S. Means, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio; and Terry W. Fenger, Marshall University Forensic Science Center, Huntington, West Virginia.

DRUG SHORTAGES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine drug shortages, focusing on why they happen and what they mean, after receiving testimony from Kasey Thompson, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, Bethesda, Maryland; Patrick Cobb, Frontier Cancer Center and Blood Institute, Billings, Montana; Scott Gottlieb, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Rena M. Conti, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

HOMEGROWN TERRORISM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded open and closed joint hearings with the House Committee on Homeland Security to examine homegrown terrorism, focusing on the threat to military communities inside the United States, after receiving testimony from Paul Stockton, Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs, and Lieutenant Colonel Reid Sawyer, Director, Combating Terrorism Center at West Point, United States Army, both of the Department of Defense; Jim Stuteville, Senior Advisor, Counterintelligence Operations, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Daris Long, Conway, Arkansas.

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia with the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery and Intergovernmental Affairs concluded a joint hearing to examine earthquakes to terrorist attacks, focusing on if the national capital region is prepared for the next disaster, and if the 2010 strategic plan is generally consistent with characteristics of effective strategies, after receiving testimony from Steward D. Beckham, Director, Office of National Capital Region Coordination, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Dean Hunter, Deputy Director, Facilities, Security and Contracting, Office of Personnel Management; William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; Richard Muth, Maryland Emergency Management Agency Executive Director, Annapolis; Terrie L. Suit, Commonwealth of Virginia Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security, Richmond; and Paul A. Quander, Jr., District of Columbia Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice.

EB–5 REGIONAL CENTER PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the EB–5 Regional Center Program, focusing on promoting job creation and economic development in American communities, including S. 642, to permanently reauthorize the EB–5 Regional Center Program, after receiving testimony from William J. Stenger, Jay Peak Resort, Jay, Vermont; David North, Center for Immigration Studies, Washington, D.C.; and Robert C. Divine, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell, and Berkowitz, P.C., Chattanooga, Tennessee, on behalf of Invest in the USA.

EFFORTS TO CURTAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine government efforts to curtail marijuana cultivation on United States public lands, focusing on exploitation of public lands as grow sites for marijuana and discuss barriers to the criminal prosecution of drug traffickers, after receiving testimony from Representative Mike Thompson; R. Gil Kerlikowske, Director, National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President; David Ferrell, Director, Law Enforcement and Investigations, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Margaret Mims, Fresno County Sheriff, Fresno, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 3575–3604; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 485–486, 488–489, were introduced.

Pages H8259–61

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8262**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 487, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1633) to establish a temporary prohibition against revising any national ambient air quality standard applicable to coarse particulate matter, to limit Federal regulation of nuisance dust in areas in which such dust is regulated under State, tribal, or local law, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–317). **Page H8259**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Latta to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8189**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:17 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8199**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Roger Schoolcraft, Fayetteville, Arkansas. **Page H8199**

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed by unanimous consent to disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a conference on H.R. 2055, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012.

Pages H8203–04

Agreed to the Dicks motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 894. **Pages H8203–04, H8208**

The Chair appointed the following conferees: Representatives Rogers (KY), Young (FL), Lewis (CA), Frelinghuysen, Aderholt, Emerson, Granger, Simpson, Culberson, Crenshaw, Rehberg, Carter, Dicks, Visclosky, Lowey, Serrano, DeLauro, Moran, Price (NC), and Bishop (GA). **Page H8208**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed by unanimous consent to disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a conference on H.R. 1540, 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, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Pages H8204–07**

Agreed to the Smith (WA) motion to instruct conferees by a recorded vote of 421 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 892. **Pages H8204–07**

Agreed to the McKeon motion to close portions of the conference by a yea-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 17 nays with 1 answering ''present'', Roll No. 893. **Pages H8207–08**

The Chair appointed the following conferees: From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives McKeon, Bartlett, Thornberry, Akin, Forbes, Miller (FL), LoBiondo, Turner (OH), Kline, Rogers (AL), Shuster, Conaway, Wittman, Hunter, Rooney, Schilling, Griffin (AR), West, Smith (WA), Reyes, Loretta Sanchez (CA), McIntyre, Andrews, Davis (CA), Langevin, Larsen (WA), Cooper, Bordallo, Courtney, Loebsack, Tsongas and Pingree (ME). **Pages H8208–09**

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Representatives Rogers (MI), Myrick and Ruppersberger. **Pages H8208–09**

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of secs. 548 and 572 of the House bill, and secs. 572 and 573 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Petri, Heck and George Miller (CA). **Pages H8208–09**

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of secs. 911, 1099A, 2852 and 3114 of the House bill, and sec. 1089 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Upton, Walden and Waxman. **Pages H8208–09**

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of sec. 645 of the House bill, and sec. 1245 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bachus, Capito and Ackerman. **Pages H8208–09**

From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of secs. 1013, 1014, 1055, 1056, 1086, 1092, 1202, 1204, 1205, 1211, 1214, 1216, 1218, 1219, 1226, 1228–1230, 1237, 1301, 1303, 1532, 1533 and 3112 of the House bill, and secs. 159, 1012, 1031, 1033, 1046, 1201, 1203, 1204, 1206–1209, 1221–1225, 1228, 1230, 1245, title XIII and sec. 1609 of the Senate amendment, and

modifications committed to conference: Representatives Ros-Lehtinen, Chabot and Berman.

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From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of sec. 1099H of the House bill, and sec. 1092 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Daniel Lungren (CA), Miller (MI) and Thompson (MI).

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From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 531 of subtitle D of title V, 573, 843 and 2804 of the House bill, and secs. 553 and 848 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Smith (TX), Coble and Conyers. **Pages H8208–09**

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of secs. 313, 601 and 1097 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hastings (WA), Bishop (UT) and Markey. **Pages H8208–09**

From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of secs. 598, 662, 803, 813, 844, 847, 849, 937–939, 1081, 1091, 1101–1111, 1116 and 2813 of the House bill, and secs. 827, 845, 1044, 1102–1107 and 2812 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Ross (FL), Lankford and Cummings. **Pages H8208–09**

From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for consideration of secs. 911 and 1098 of the House bill, and secs. 885, 911, 912 and Division E of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hall, Quayle and Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX). **Pages H8208–09**

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of sec. 804 of the House bill, and secs. 885–887 and Division E of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Graves (MO), Ellmers and Velázquez.

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From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of secs. 314, 366, 601, 1098 and 2814 of the House bill, and secs. 262, 313, 315, 1045, 1088 and 3301 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Mica, Cravaack and Bishop (NY). **Pages H8208–09**

From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of secs. 551, 573, 705, 731 and 1099C of the House bill, and secs. 631 and 1093 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bilirakis, Buerkle and Brown (FL). **Pages H8208–09**

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of secs. 704, 1099A and 1225 of the House bill, and sec. 848 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Camp, Herger and Levin. **Pages H8208–09**

Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2011: The House passed H.R. 10, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law, by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 901.

Pages H8209–37

Rejected the DeLauro 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 183 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 900. **Pages H8235–37**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Rules now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–311, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. **Page H8222**

Agreed to:

Sessions amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–311) that requires the agency submitting the report on a proposed Federal rule to include an assessment, as part of the cost-benefit analysis submitted to the Comptroller General and each House of Congress, of anticipated jobs gained or lost as a result of implementation, and to specify whether those jobs will come from the public or private sector. **Pages H8224–25**

Rejected:

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–311) that sought to exempt any rule that the Office of Management and Budget determines would result in net job creation (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 895);

Pages H8225–27, H8232

Schrader amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–311) that sought to require a cost benefit analysis to be included with reports to Congress and require agencies to submit criteria for cost benefit analyses to Congress within 12 months of enactment (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 896); **Pages H8227–28, H8232–33**

McCarthy (NY) amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–311) that sought to exempt any rule relating to food safety, workplace safety, air quality, consumer product safety, or water quality (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 897); **Pages H8228–29, H8233–34**

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–311) that sought to exempt

all rules promulgated by the Department of Homeland Security (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 898); and **Pages H8229–30, H8234**

Moore amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–311) that sought to exempt any rule relating to veterans or veterans affairs (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 899). **Pages H8230–32, H8234–35**

Withdrawn:

McKinley amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–311) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have reduced the annual effect on the economy of the term ''major rule'' from $100,000,000 or more to $50,000,000 or more. **Page H8228**

H. Res. 479, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, December 6th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow. **Page H8238**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 486, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H8238**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2011: H.R. 1254, amended, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to place synthetic drugs in Schedule I. **Pages H8238–44**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, December 5th:

Eliminating an unused lighthouse reservation: H.R. 944, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands; **Page H8244**

Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act: S. 535, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument; **Page H8244**

Providing for Our Workforce and Energy Resources Act: H.R. 2360, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to extend the Constitution, laws, and jurisdiction of the United States to installations and devices attached to the seabed of the Outer Continental Shelf for the production and support of production of energy from sources other than oil and gas; **Pages H8244–45**

North Cascades National Park Service Complex Fish Stocking Act: H.R. 2351, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area; **Page H8245**

Amending the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act: H.R. 1560, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe; **Page H8245**

Box Elder Utah Land Conveyance Act: S. 683, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Mantua, Utah; and **Page H8245**

Authorizing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 470: S. Con. Res. 32, to authorize the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 470, an Act to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam. **Page H8245**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8206–07, H8207–08, H8208, H8232, H8232–33, H8233–34, H8234, H8234–35, H8236–37, and H8237. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a business meeting for the purpose of authorizing and issuing a subpoena ad testificandum for the appearance of Jon Corzine in conjunction with the hearing scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2011. The subpoena was authorized.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a, hearing entitled ''H.R. , the Private Mortgage Market Investment Act, Part 2.'' Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CAMP ASHRAF

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia held a joint hearing entitled ''Camp Ashraf: Iraqi Obligations and State Department Accountability.'' Testimony was heard from Daniel Fried, Special Advisor on Ashraf, Department of State; Barbara Leaf, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Iraq, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; Colonel Wes Martin, USA, (retired), former Base Commander of Camp Ashraf; and public witnesses.

ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing entitled ''Oversight of the Antitrust Enforcement Agencies.'' Testimony was heard from Jon Leibowitz, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; and Sharis Pozen, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice Antitrust Division.

VISA WAIVER PROGRAM OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing entitled ''Visa Waiver Program Oversight: Risks and Benefits of the Program.'' Testimony was heard from Rep. Quigley; David Heyman, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Department of Homeland Security; Richard M. Stana, Director of Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

MEDICAID FRAUD VICTIM SPEAKS OUT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management; and Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives held a joint hearing entitled ''A Medicaid Fraud Victim Speaks Out: What's Going Wrong and Why?'' Testimony was heard from Angela Brice-Smith, Director, Medicaid Integrity Group, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Gary Cantrell, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, Office of the Inspector General, Health and Human Services; Carolyn Yocom, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Valerie Melvin, Director, Information Management and Human Capital Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations held a hearing entitled ''Oversight in Iraq and Afghanistan: Challenges and Solutions.'' Testimony was heard from Gordon S. Heddell, Inspector General, Department of Defense; Harold W. Geisel, Deputy Inspector General, Department of State, Michael G. Carroll, Acting Inspector General, Agency for International Development, Stuart W. Bowen, Inspector General, Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction; and Steven J. Trent, Acting Inspector General, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

FARM DUST REGULATION PREVENTION ACT OF 2011

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1633, the ''Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011.'' The Committee granted, by record vote of 7 to 4, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. 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 Energy and Commerce 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 Rep. Whitfield and Rep. Rush.

ENERGY CRITICAL ELEMENTS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled ''Energy Critical Elements: Identifying Research Needs and Strategic Priorities.'' Testimony was heard from David Sandalow, Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Restoring Jobs, Coastal Viability and Economic Resilience in the Gulf of Mexico: H.R. 3096, the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of

2011." Testimony was heard from Rep. Olson; Rep. Miller of Florida; Rep. Palazzo; Rep. Bonner; Rep. Scalise; Craig Bennett, Director, National Pollution Funds Center, United States Coast Guard; Tony Penn, Deputy Chief, Assessment and Restoration Division, Office of Response and Restoration, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Garret Graves, Chair, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana; Robert Craft, Mayor, City of Gulf Shores, Alabama; Bill Williams, Commissioner, Gulf County, Florida; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

CAUCASUS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission received a briefing on conflicts in the Caucasus, focusing on prospects for resolution, where these conflicts stand today, what factors impede a settlement, whether the resumption of armed hostilities is a serious threat, whether changes in the negotiating format might yield a better outcome, and what, if anything, could the United States do to facilitate a resolution, from Tom de Waal, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Nottingham, United Kingdom; and Fiona Hill, Brookings Institution, and Wayne Merry, American Foreign Policy Council, both of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Business meeting to consider the nominations of Jon D. Leibowitz, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, Maureen K. Ohlhausen, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, Rebecca M. Blank, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, Ajit Varadaraj Pai, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, and Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers' (ICANN) expansion of top level domains, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Arunava Majumdar, of California, to be Under Secretary of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges to address domestic and global water supply issues, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Business meeting to consider S. 432, to provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, S. 1296, 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 the State of Rhode Island, S. 1266, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to build on and help coordinate funding for the restoration and protection efforts of the 4-State Delaware River Basin region, S. 1740, to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the reauthorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network, the nomination of Rebecca R. Wodder, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, and proposed resolutions relating to the General Services Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Tara D. Sonenshine, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, Anne Claire Richard, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Population, Refugees, and Migration, and Robert E. Whitehead, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, all of the Department of State, and Earl W. Gast, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: To hold hearings to examine barriers facing the long-term unemployed, 9:45 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Indian Affairs: Business meeting to consider S. 1763, to decrease the incidence of violent crimes against Indian women, to strengthen the capacity of Indian tribes to exercise the sovereign authority of Indian tribes to respond to violent crimes committed against Indian women, and to ensure that perpetrators of violent crimes committed against Indian women are held accountable for that criminal behavior, and S. 1065, to settle land claims within the Fort Hall Reservation; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine state and Federal tax policy, focusing on building new markets in Indian country, 2:15 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: Business meeting to consider S. 1886, to prevent trafficking in counterfeit drugs, S. 678, to increase the penalties for economic espionage, S. 1821, to prevent the termination of the temporary office of bankruptcy judges in certain judicial districts, S. 1236, to reduce the trafficking of drugs and to prevent human smuggling across the Southwest Border by deterring the construction and use of border tunnels, and the nominations of Kathryn Keneally, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Brian C. Wimes, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SVC–217.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing on the examination of MF Global bankruptcy, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunities, markup of the following: H.R. 3559, the ''Insurance Data Protection Act''; H.R. 2446, the ''RESPA Home Warranty Clarification Act of 2011''; and H.R. 3298, the ''Homes for Heroes Act of 2011''. 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled ''Promoting Global Internet Freedom.'' 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, markup of the following: legislation to authorize the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) to ensure the timely and effective distribution of alerts and warnings; H.R. 1411, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure continuation of the Metropolitan Medical Response System Program, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1129, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to prohibit requiring the use of a specified percentage of a grant under the Urban Area Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Grant Program for specific purposes, and for other purposes. 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled ''A Review of Passenger Screening Technology at U.S. Airports.'' Noon, 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing on the United States Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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

Conference: Meeting of conferees on H.R. 2055, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, 10:30 a.m., HC–5, Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

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