Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2011.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 3630–3631, were introduced. Page H8322

Additional Cosponsors: Page H8322

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H8321

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 12 through December 17, 2011

Senate Chamber

On *Monday,* at 4:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, and the nomination of Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador. At 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, and if cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination. Following disposition of the nomination of Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: December 13, to hold hearings to examine MF Global bankruptcy, 10 a.m., SH–216.

December 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine certain nominations, 10:30 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: December 13, business meeting to consider the nominations of Maurice A. Jones, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary, and Carol J. Galante, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Thomas Hoenig, to be Vice Chairperson and a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) part II, 10 a.m., SD–538.

December 13, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to

examine helping homeowners harmed by foreclosures, focusing on ensuring accountability and transparency in appeals, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

December 14, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine investor risks in capital raising, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: December 14, business meeting to consider S.1449, to authorize the appropriation of funds for highway safety programs and for other purposes, S.1950, to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve commercial motor vehicle safety and reduce commercial motor vehicle-related accidents and fatalities, to authorize the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, S.1952, to improve hazardous materials transportation safety and for other purposes, S.1953, to reauthorize the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, to improve transportation research and development, and a promotion list in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 10 a.m., SR–253.

December 15, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine environmental risks of genetically engineered fish, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: December 13, Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine our nation's water infrastructure, focusing on challenges and opportunities, 10 a.m., SD–406.

December 15, Full Committee, with the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold joint hearings to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) near-term task force recommendations for enhancing reactor safety in the 21st century, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: December 14, Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the state of human rights and rule of law in Russia, focusing on United States policy options, 10 a.m., SD–419.

December 15, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the United States-Caribbean shared security partnership, focusing on responding to the growth of trafficking narcotics in the Caribbean, 11 a.m., SD–419.

December 15, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine improving governance in the Democratic Republic of Congo, 2:15 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: December 13, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine child abuse, focusing on protection, prevention, intervention, and deterrence, 10:15 a.m., SD–106.

December 14, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1855, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize various programs under the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act, and the nominations of Wendy M. Spencer, of Florida, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Deepa Gupta, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts, Christopher Merrill, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Stephanie Orlando, of New York, and Gary Blumenthal, of Massachusetts, both to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, and a nomination list in the Public Health Service, 10 a.m., SD–430.

December 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine prescription drug shortages, focusing on examining a public health concern and potential solutions, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: December 14, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: December 13, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Paul J. Watford, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, 10 a.m., SD–226.

December 14, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., SD–226.

December 15, Full Committee, business meeting to consider 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 nomination of 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: December 13, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

Special Committee on Aging: December 15, to hold hearings to examine implementing the "Physician Payment Sunshine Act", 2:30 p.m., SD–562.

House Committees

Committee on the Budget, December 15, full Committee, markup of H.R. 3521, the "Expedited Line-Item Veto and Rescissions Act of 2011." 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, December 14, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "ICANN's Top-Level Domain Name Program." 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, December 14, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, markup of the following: the "Private Mortgage Market Investment Act"; and H.R. 2483, the "Whistleblower Improvement Act of 2011." 10 a.m., HVC–210 Capitol.

December 15, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on H.R. 3606, the "Reopening American Capital Markets to Emerging Growth Companies Act of 2011." 9:30 a.m., HVC–210 Capitol.

December 15, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity hearing entitled "The Homeless Children and Youth Act of 2011: Proposals to Promote Economic Independence for Homeless Children and Youth." 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

December 15, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Collapse of MF Global." 1 p.m., HVC–210 Capitol.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, December 14, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing entitled ''Confronting Damascus: U.S. Policy toward the Evolving Situation in Syria.'' 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

December 15, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, markup of the following: H.R. 3401, to apply counterinsurgency tactics under a coordinated and targeted strategy to combat the terrorist insurgency in Mexico waged by transnational criminal organizations, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2542, to withhold twenty percent of United States assessed and voluntary contributions to the Organization of American States (OAS) for every permanent council meeting that takes place where Article 20 of the Inter-American Charter is not invoked with regard to Venezuela's recent constitutional reforms, and for other purposes. 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, December 13, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 1823, the ''Criminal Code Modernization and Simplification Act of 2011.'' 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

December 13, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing entitled ''The Costs and Burdens of Civil Discovery.'' 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

December 14, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing entitled ''Judicial Reliance on Foreign Law.'' 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, December 13, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the following: H.R. 2512, the ''Three Kids Mine Remediation and Reclamation Act''; and H.R. 3479, the ''Natural Hazards Risk Reduction Act of 2011''. 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

December 15, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on the following: the Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge and How the Federal Government Obtained Title to This Land and Promises Made to the Original Landowners; H.R. 1171, the ''Marine Debris Act Reauthorization Amendments of 2011''; and S. 363, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey property of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, and for other purposes. 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, December 14, full Committee, hearing entitled ''The Leadership of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission'' 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

December 14 full Committee, hearing entitled ''HHS and the Catholic Church: Examining the Politicization of Grants (minority day of hearing).'' 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

December 15, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled ''What the Euro Crisis Means for Taxpayers and the U.S. Economy, Pt. I.'' 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

December 16, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled ''What the Euro Crisis Means for Taxpayers and the U.S. Economy, Pt. II.'' 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, December 12, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3630, the ''Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2011.'' 5:30 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, December 15, Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations, hearing entitled ''New Medical Loss Ratios: Increasing Health Care Value or Just Eliminating Jobs?'' 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, December 13, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled ''The Effectiveness of Our Nation's Public Alert System.'' 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

December 14, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled ''Integrated Planning and Permitting: An Opportunity for EPA to Provide Communities with Flexibility to Make Smart Investments in Water Quality.'' 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

December 15, full Committee, hearing entitled ''California's High-Speed Rail Plan: Skyrocketing Costs & Project Concerns.'' 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, December 14, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled ''Is it Working: Reviewing VA's Compensated Work Therapy Program.'' 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

December 15, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled ''Reviewing the Implementation of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011.'' 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, December 14, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on the Trans-Pacific Partnership, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, December 12

Senate Chamber

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, December 12

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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