

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**Pages S8603–04****Additional Statements:****Pages S8598–S8600****Amendments Submitted:****Pages S8604–10****Authorities for Committees to Meet:****Pages S8610–11****Privileges of the Floor:****Page S8611**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—229)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:10 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8617.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INVESTOR RISKS IN CAPITAL RAISING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine investor risks in capital raising, including S. 1824, to amend the securities laws to establish certain thresholds for shareholder registration under that Act, S. 1831, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to eliminate the prohibition against general solicitation as a requirement for a certain exemption under Regulation D, S. 1933, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies, and S. 1970, to amend the securities laws to provide for registration exemptions for certain crowdfunded securities, after receiving testimony from John C. Coates IV, Harvard Law School, Newton, Massachusetts; Kate Mitchell, Scale Venture Partners, San Francisco, California; Barry E. Silbert, SecondMarket, New York, New York; Stephen Luparello, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Alexandria, Virginia; and Mark T. Hiraide, Petillon Hiraide and Loomis LLP, Redondo Beach, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1449, to authorize the appropriation of funds for highway safety programs and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1952, to improve hazardous materials transportation safety;

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.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Rebecca R. Wodder, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY TAX INCENTIVES

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine alternative energy tax incentives, focusing on the effect of short-term extensions on alternative technology investment, domestic manufacturing, and jobs, after receiving testimony from Molly Sherlock, Analyst in Economics, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Will Coleman, Mohr Davidow Ventures, Menlo Park, California; Martha Wyrsh, Vestas-American Wind Technology, Inc., Portland, Oregon; Paul Soanes, Renewable Biofuels, Inc., Houston, Texas; and Margo Thorning, American Council for Capital Formation, Washington, D.C.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND RULE OF LAW IN RUSSIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the state of human rights and rule of law in Russia, focusing on United States policy options, after receiving testimony from Philip H. Gordon, Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, and Thomas O. Melia, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, both of the Department of State; and David Kramer, Freedom House, Edward S. Verona, U.S.-Russia Business Council, and Tom Malinowski, Human Rights Watch, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill entitled, "Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act of 2012";

H.R. 2297, to promote the development of the Southwest waterfront in the District of Columbia;

H.R. 789, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Main Street in

Little Ferry, New Jersey, as the “Sergeant Matthew J. Fenton Post Office”; and

H.R. 2422, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45 Bay Street, Suite 2, in Staten Island, New York, as the “Sergeant Angel Mendez Post Office”.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1855, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize various programs under the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; 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.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3658–3672; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 92–94; and H. Res. 495–496 were introduced. **Pages H8965–67**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8967–68**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8903**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8910**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany 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, by a recorded vote of 283 ayes to 136 noes, Roll No. 932. **Pages H8915–37, H8941–42**

Rejected the Bishop (GA) motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference with instructions to the managers on the part of the House, by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 931. **Page H8941**

H. Res. 493, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 169 noes, Roll No. 926, after

the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 925. **Pages H8921–22**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:27 p.m. and reconvened at 5:40 p.m. **Page H8937**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated yesterday, December 13th:

Iran Threat Reduction Act of 2011: H.R. 1905, amended, to strengthen Iran sanctions laws for the purpose of compelling Iran to abandon its pursuit of nuclear weapons and other threatening activities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 927; **Pages H8937–38**

Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Reform and Modernization Act of 2011: H.R. 2105, amended, to provide for the application of measures to foreign persons who transfer to Iran, North Korea, and Syria certain goods, services, or technology, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 928; and **Pages H8938–39**

Fallen Heroes of 9/11 Act: H.R. 3421, to award Congressional Gold Medals in honor of the men and women who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 416 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 929. **Pages H8939–40**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on December 12th: