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House of Representatives

This being the day fixed pursuant to the 20th Amendment to the Constitution for the meeting of the second session of the 112th Congress, the House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 3, 2012.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVEN C. LATOURETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another year.

As the second session of this 112th Congress begins, we humbly ask Your divine presence. As the Members of the people's House attend to their noble responsibilities, send Your spirit of wisdom to be with them.

Watch over each Member of the House and their families during this session. Grant that they might be wise in their deliberations, charitable in their interactions with one another, and judicious in the execution of their duties.

May all that is said and done in the coming session be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 493, no organizational or legislative business will be conducted on this day.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(c) of House Resolution 493, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, January 6, 2012.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until Friday, January 6, 2012, at 10 a.m.

☐ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., ☐ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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Senate

The 3d day of January being the day prescribed by the Constitution of the United States for the annual meeting of the Congress, the 2d session of the 112th Congress convened at 12:01 and 32 seconds p.m., and was called to order by the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUYE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 3, 2012.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUYE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WARNER thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M.,
FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2012

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Friday, January 6, 2012.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:02 and 13 seconds p.m., adjourned until Friday, January 6, 2012, at 11 a.m.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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Tuesday, January 3, 2012

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS:

Second Session of the One Hundred Twelfth Congress convened as prescribed by the Constitution of the United States.

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met in pro forma session to convene the second session of the 112th Congress at 12:01:32 p.m., and adjourned at 12:02:13 p.m. until 11 a.m., on Friday, January 6, 2012.

Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act: Pursuant to the order of December 23, 2011, the

following conferees were appointed on the part of the Senate with respect to H.R. 3630: Senators Baucus, Reed, Cardin, Casey, Kyl, Crapo, Barrasso.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No hearings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: There were no public bills or resolutions introduced today.

Additional Cosponsors:

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 H1**

Convening of the Second Session of the 112th Congress: Pursuant to the 20th amendment to the Constitution, the House met at 12 noon on January 3, 2012 for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Twelfth Congress. Pursuant to section 4(a) of H. Res. 493, the Chair announced that no organizational or legislative business will be conducted on this day. **Page H1**

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 12 noon and at 12:02 p.m. stands adjourned, pursuant to section 4(c) of H. Res. 493.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 5, 2011 through January 3, 2012

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	170	175	..
Time in session	1101 hrs., 44'	992 hrs., 52'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	8,793	10,033	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	2,347	..
Public bills enacted into law	24	66	90
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference	2	2	..
Measures passed, total	402	384	786
Senate bills	61	21	..
House bills	64	190	..
Senate joint resolutions	4	4	..
House joint resolutions	5	7	..
Senate concurrent	17	7	..
House concurrent	17	23	..
Simple resolutions	234	132	..
Measures reported, total	* 185	* 307	492
Senate bills	132	3	..
House bills	22	213	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	3	..
Senate concurrent	2	..	..
House concurrent .....	..	2	..
Simple resolutions	28	86	..
Special reports	17	50	..
Conference reports	3	3	..
Measures pending on calendar	183	84	..
Measures introduced, total	2,447	4,468	6,915
Bills	2,031	3,768	..
Joint resolutions	33	97	..
Concurrent resolutions	33	95	..
Simple resolutions	351	508	..
Quorum calls	5	3	..
Yea-and-nay votes	235	275	..
Recorded votes .....	..	**670	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 5, 2011 through January 3, 2012

Civilian nominations, totaling 503, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	285
Unconfirmed	200
Withdrawn	18
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 3,469, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	3,297
Unconfirmed	167
Withdrawn	5
Air Force nominations, totaling 5,983, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,688
Unconfirmed	295
Army nominations, totaling 5,908, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,892
Unconfirmed	16
Navy nominations, totaling 3,405, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	3,404
Unconfirmed	1
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,249, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,249

Summary

Total nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominations received this Session	20,517
Total confirmed	19,815
Total unconfirmed	679
Total withdrawn	23
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 102 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 360 reports have been filed in the House.

**Proceedings on Roll Call No. 484 were vacated by unanimous consent.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Friday, January 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, January 6

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 10 a.m.



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