

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 4089–4092, and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 562, 564–565, were introduced. **Pages H965–66**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H966–67**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 665, to establish a pilot program for the expedited disposal of Federal real property, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–402);

H.R. 1837, to address certain water-related concerns on the San Joaquin River, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–403); and H. Res. 563, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2117) to prohibit the Department of Education from overreaching into academic affairs and program eligibility under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (H. Rept. 112–404).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Denham to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H951**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:14 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H953**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure:

Federal Restricted Buildings and Grounds Improvement Act: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 347, to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 388 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 73.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:14 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H954**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of Katie Hall, former Member of Congress.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages 954–55. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial, and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 4078, the “Regulatory Freeze for Jobs Act

of 2012”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROTECTING ACADEMIC FREEDOM IN HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2117, the “Protecting Academic Freedom in Higher Education 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 accompanying the resolution. 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 Representatives Foxx and Hinojosa.

BUILDING BRIDGES FOR VETERANS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Building Bridges between VA and Community Organizations to Support Veterans and Families”. Testimony was heard from Andy Davis, Director, Saratoga County Veterans Service Agency, New York; John J. Morris, Joint Force Headquarters, Minnesota National Guard; E. Terri LaVelle, Director, Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; Michael McCoy, Sr., Associate Director, National Chaplain Center, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D124)

H.R. 3630, to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline. Signed on February 22, 2012. (Public Law 112-96)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 28, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine strengthening conservation through the 2012 farm bill, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of State and Foreign Operations, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the state of the housing market, focusing on removing barriers to economic recovery, part II, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine local government perspectives on water infrastructure, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine national security and foreign policy priorities in the fiscal year 2013 International Affairs Budget, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings to examine a legislative presentation from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), 2:30 p.m., 345, Cannon Building.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine clarifying the fate of missing persons in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on locating and identifying persons missing as a result of conflicts, trafficking in humans and human rights violations, as well as natural or manmade disasters, 2 p.m., 2172, Rayburn Building.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 28 through March 2, 2012

Senate Chamber

On Tuesday, Senate will be in a period of morning business until 12:30 p.m.

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: February 28, to hold hearings to examine strengthening conservation through the 2012 farm bill, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Appropriations: February 28, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of State and Foreign Operations, 10 a.m., SD-192.

February 29, Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

February 29, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Army, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 1, Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 1, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year for 2013 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the Library of Congress, the Office of Compliance, and the Open World Leadership Center, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.