Wednesday, August 1, 2012

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3465–3480, S.J. Res. 49, S. Res. 535–540, and S. Con. Res. 55. **Pages S5870–71**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 1272, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al, by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Numbers 19 and 188.

S. 3370, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation. **Page S5870**

Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 55, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1627. **Pages S5824–25**

Warren Lindley Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1369, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1021 Pennsylvania Avenue in Hartshorne, Oklahoma, as the ''Warren Lindley Post Office'', and the bill was then passed. **Page S5894**

Reverend Abe Brown Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3276, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2810 East Hillsborough Avenue in Tampa, Florida, as the ''Reverend Abe Brown Post Office Building'', and the bill was then passed. **Page S5894**

Sergeant Richard Franklin Abshire Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3412, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1421 Veterans Memorial Drive in Abbeville, Louisiana, as the ''Sergeant Richard Franklin Abshire Post Office Building'', and the bill was then passed. **Page S5894**

SPC Nicholas Scott Hartge Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3501, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 Kerr Avenue in Rome City, Indiana, as the ''SPC Nicholas Scott Hartge Post Office'', and the bill was then passed. **Page S5894**

First Sergeant Landres Cheeks Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3772, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 150 South Union Street in Canton, Mississippi, as the ''First Sergeant Landres Cheeks Post Office Building'', and the bill was then passed. **Page S5894**

Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act: Senate passed 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 S5894**

Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 1409, to intensify efforts to identify, prevent, and recover payment error, waste, fraud, and abuse within Federal spending, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5894–98**

Reid (for Carper) Amendment No. 2770, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5896–98**

Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Senate passed S.J. Res. 49, providing for the

appointment of Barbara Barrett as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Page S5898**

National Day of Remembrance for Nuclear Weapons Program Workers: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 519, designating October 30, 2012, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5898**

National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 536, designating September 9, 2012, as ''National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day''. **Pages S5898–99**

National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 537, supporting the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. **Pages S5898–99**

National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 538, designating September 2012 as ''National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month''. **Pages S5898–99**

National Chess Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 539, designating October 13, 2012, as ''National Chess Day''. **Pages S5898–S5900**

National Convenient Care Clinic Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 540, designating the week of August 6 through August 10, 2012, as ''National Convenient Care Clinic Week''. **Page S5900**

Measures Considered:

Veterans Jobs Corps Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3429, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps. **Pages S5805–24, S5825–58**

House Messages:

Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Human Rights Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1905, to strengthen Iran sanctions laws for the purpose of compelling Iran to abandon its pursuit of nuclear weapons and other threatening activities. **Pages S5858–63**

African Growth and Opportunity Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 3326, to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to extend the third-country fabric program and to add South Sudan to the list of countries eligible for designation under that Act, to make technical corrections to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States relating to the textile and apparel rules of origin for the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, to approve the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003; that the only amendment in order be a Coburn amendment, the text of which is at the desk, that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendment; that if the amendment is not agreed to, the bill be read a third time and passed, without further action or debate; that when the Senate receives H.R. 5986 and if its text is identical to S. 3326, Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 5986, the bill be read a third time and passed, without further debate, with no amendments in order prior to passage; provided further that if the Coburn amendment is agreed to, the Committee on Finance be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 9 and Senate proceed to its immediate consideration, that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 3326, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof, the bill be read a third time and passed, without further debate; that when the Senate receives H.R. 5986, the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration, and all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of Sections 2 and 3 of S. 3326, as reported, be inserted in lieu thereof, the bill be read a third time and passed, without further debate, as amended; and S. 3326 be returned to the Calendar of Business; that no motions be in order other than motions to waive or motions to table. **Page S5858**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, August 2, 2012, Senate begin consideration of S. 3326; following the debate on the Coburn amendment, the time until 11 a.m., be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to the cloture vote on S. 3414, Cybersecurity Act; provided further, that notwithstanding the outcome of the cloture vote, Senate proceed to vote on or in relation to Coburn amendment to S. 3326, and the remaining provisions of the previous order be executed; and that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to S. 3414, be at 10 a.m., on Thursday, August 2, 2012. **Page S5900**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:05 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5900.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FUTURES MARKETS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine futures markets, focusing on responding to MF Global and Peregrine Financial Group, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, and Jill E. Sommers, Commissioner, both of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; James W. Giddens, Trustee for the Securities Investor Protection Act Liquidation of MF Global Inc., New York, New York; Ira Bodenstein, Trustee for the Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Estate of Peregrine Financial Group, Inc., Terrence A. Duffy, CME Group Inc., Daniel J. Roth, National Futures Association, and John L. Roe, Commodity Customer Coalition, all of Chicago, Illinois; Walter L. Lukken, Futures Industry Association, Washington, D.C.; and Diana Klemme, Grain Service Corporation, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association.

RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine streamlining and strengthening Housing and Urban Development's rental housing assistance programs, after receiving testimony from Keith Kinard, Newark Housing Authority, Newark, New Jersey, on behalf of the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities; Dianne Hovdestad, Sioux Falls Housing and Redevelopment Commission, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on behalf of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; Howard Husock, Manhattan Institute, New York, New York; Will Fischer, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Austin, Texas; and Linda Couch, National Low Income Housing Coalition, Washington, D.C.

MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine marketplace fairness, focusing on leveling the playing field for small businesses, after receiving testimony from Senators Durbin, Enzi, and Alexander; Paul Misener, Amazon.com, Seattle, Washington; Steven Bercu, BookPeople, Austin, Texas; Scott Peterson, Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board, Nashville, Tennessee; and Steve DelBianco, NetChoice, Washington, D.C.

CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an update on the latest climate change science and local adaptation measures, after receiving testimony from John R. Griffin, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Secretary, Annapolis; Christopher B. Field, Carnegie Institution for Science Department of Global Ecology, Stanford, California; John R. Christy, University of Alabama Earth System Science Center, Huntsville; James J. McCarthy, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Margo Thorning, American Council for Capital Formation, Washington, D.C.; and Jonathan Fielding, Los Angeles County Health Department, Los Angeles, California, on behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials.

TAXATION OF BUSINESS ENTITIES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the taxation of business entities, focusing on tax reform, after receiving testimony from Harrison LeFrak, The LeFrak Organization, and Dana L. Trier, Columbia University Law School, both of New York, New York; Alvin C. Warren, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Fred C. de Hosson, Baker and McKenzie, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

NEXT STEPS IN SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the next steps in Syria, after receiving testimony from Martin Indyk, Brookings Institution, James Dobbins, The RAND Corporation, and Andrew J. Tabler, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, all of Washington, D.C.

EUROZONE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the future of the eurozone, focusing on the outlook and lessons, after receiving testimony from Frances G.

Burwell, Atlantic Council, and Nicolas Veron, Peterson Institute for International Economics, both of Washington, D.C.; and Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, Cambridge.

RISING PRISON COSTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine rising prison costs, focusing on restricting budgets and crime prevention options, after receiving testimony from Edward F. Davis, Boston Police Commissioner, Boston, Massachusetts; Jeffrey Leigh Sedgwick, Keswick Advisors, LLC, Richmond, Virginia; and Brett Tolman, Ray Quinney & Nebeker, Salt Lake City, Utah.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 6244–6271; and 5 resolutions, H.Res. 750–754 were introduced. **Pages H5628–29**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5630**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Laura Richardson (H. Rept. 112–642);

H.R. 3158, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (H. Rept. 112–643); and

H. Res. 752, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6233) to make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance available for fiscal year 2012 with the costs of such assistance offset by changes to certain conservation programs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–644). **Page H5628**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5527**

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Geoff Davis, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Fourth Congressional District of Kentucky, effective at close of business on July 31, 2012. **Page H5527**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Kentucky, Mr. Davis, the whole number of the House is 431. **Page H5527**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:11 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Pages H5534–35**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Michael Catt, Sherwood Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia. **Page H5535**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Guinta, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H5538**

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 751, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H5538**

Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1627: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. Con. Res. 55, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1627. **Page H5552**

Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi: The House agreed to discharge and agree to H. Con. Res. 135, to authorize the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, in recognition of her leadership and perseverance in the struggle for freedom and democracy in Burma. **Page H5552**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, August 2nd. **Page H5552**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1905, with an amendment: H. Res. 750, to provide for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to

H.R. 1905, with an amendment, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 546; **Pages H5552–78, H5597–98**

Resolving Environmental and Grid Reliability Conflicts Act of 2012: H.R. 4273, amended, to clarify that compliance with an emergency order under section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act may not be considered a violation of any Federal, State, or local environmental law or regulation; **Pages H5602–04**

Residential and Commuter Toll Fairness Act: H.R. 897, to provide authority and sanction for the granting and issuance of programs for residential and commuter toll, user fee and fare discounts by States, municipalities, other localities, and all related agencies and departments; **Pages H5604–06**

Mille Lacs Lake Freedom To Fish Act of 2012: H.R. 5797, amended, to amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to Mille Lacs Lake, Minnesota; **Pages H5606–08**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To exempt the owners and operators of vessels operating on Mille Lacs Lake, Minnesota, from certain Federal requirements." **Page H5608**

Farmers Undertake Environmental Land Stewardship Act: H.R. 3158, amended, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms; **Pages H5608–09**

Marine Debris Act Amendments of 2012: H.R. 1171, amended, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act; **Pages H5609–12**

RESPA Home Warranty Clarification Act: H.R. 2446, amended, to clarify the treatment of homeowner warranties under current law; **Pages H5612–13**

March of Dimes Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 3187, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the March of Dimes Foundation; and **Pages H5613–16**

Pro Football Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 4104, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. **Pages H5616–18**

Job Protection and Recession Prevention Act of 2012: The House passed H.R. 8, to extend certain tax relief provisions enacted in 2001 and 2003, by a recorded vote of 256 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 545. **Pages H5538–52, H5578–97**

Rejected the DeFazio motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 544. **Pages H5594–97**

Rejected:

Levin amendment in the nature of a substitute (printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–641) that sought to extend for one year certain expired or expiring tax provisions that apply to middle-income taxpayers with income below $250,000 for married couples filing jointly, and below $200,000 for single filers, including, but not limited to, marginal rate reductions, capital gains and dividend rate preferences, alternative minimum tax relief, marriage penalty relief, and expanded tax relief for working families with children and college students (by a yea-and-nay vote of 170 yeas to 257 nays, Roll No. 543). **Pages H5588–94**

H. Res. 747, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 6169) and (H.R. 8), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 542. **Pages H5538–52**

Agreed to the Scott (SC) amendment to the rule by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 541, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 540. **Pages H5549–51**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated yesterday, July 31st:

Amending title 5, United States Code, to make clear that accounts in the Thrift Savings Fund are subject to certain Federal tax levies: H.R. 4365, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make clear that accounts in the Thrift Savings Fund are subject to certain Federal tax levies, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 6 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 547; **Page H5598**

Government Charge Card Abuse Prevention Act: S. 300, amended, to prevent abuse of Government charge cards; **Page H5599**

Authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to accept the quitclaim, disclaimer, and relinquishment of a railroad right of way within and adjacent to Pike National Forest in El Paso County, Colorado: H.R. 4073, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to accept the quitclaim, disclaimer, and relinquishment of a railroad right of way within and adjacent to Pike National Forest in El Paso County, Colorado, originally granted to the Mt. Manitou Park and Incline Railway Company pursuant to the Act of March 3, 1875; **Page H5599**

Creating the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands: H.R. 3706,

amended, to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands; **Page H5618**

La Pine Land Conveyance Act: S. 270, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon; **Page H5618**

Wallowa Forest Service Compound Conveyance Act: S. 271, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon; **Page H5618**

Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act of 2012: H.R. 3796, amended, to reauthorize certain programs established by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006; **Pages H5618–19**

Enacting title 54, United States Code, "National Park System", as positive law: H.R. 1950, amended, to enact title 54, United States Code, "National Park System", as positive law; **Page H5619**

Student Visa Reform Act: H.R. 3120, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to require accreditation of certain educational institutions for purposes of a nonimmigrant student visa; **Page H5619**

Foreign and Economic Espionage Penalty Enhancement Act of 2012: H.R. 6029, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for increased penalties for foreign and economic espionage; **Page H5619**

Child Protection Act of 2012: H.R. 6063, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to child pornography and child exploitation offenses; **Page H5619**

STOP Identity Theft Act of 2012: H.R. 4362, to provide effective criminal prosecutions for certain identity thefts; **Page H5619**

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Reauthorization Act of 2012: H.R. 6062, to reauthorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program through fiscal year 2017; and **Page H5619**

Federal Law Enforcement Recruitment and Retention Act: H.R. 1550, amended, to establish programs in the Department of Justice and in the Department of Homeland Security to help States that have high rates of homicide and other violent crime. **Page H5619**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To establish a program in the Department of Justice to improve recruitment, assignment, and retention of Federal law enforcement officers in States, territories, and jurisdictions that have a high rate of homicide or other violent crime.". **Page H5619**

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

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding actions to preserve and advance the multistakeholder governance model under which the Internet has thrived: H. Con. Res. 127, to express the sense of Congress regarding actions to preserve and advance the multistakeholder governance model under which the Internet has thrived. **Pages H5599–H5602**

Providing for the use of National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center Commemorative Coin surcharges: The House agreed by unanimous consent to pass S. 3363, to provide for the use of National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center Commemorative Coin surcharges. **Page H5613**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5552.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 55 was held at the desk. **Page H5552**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5550, H5550–51, H5551–52, H5594, H5596–97, H5597, H5597–98, and H5598. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

FINAL REPORT OF THE WILLIAM H. WEBSTER COMMISSION ON THE FBI, COUNTERTERRORISM INTELLIGENCE, AND THE EVENTS AT FORT HOOD, TEXAS ON NOVEMBER 5, 2009

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Final Report of the William H. Webster Commission on the FBI, Counterterrorism Intelligence, and the Events at Fort Hood, Texas on November 5, 2009. Testimony was heard from Mark F. Giuliano, Executive Assistant Director, National Security Branch, and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SEQUESTRATION IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS AND THE EFFECTS ON NATIONAL DEFENSE: ADMINISTRATION PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on Sequestration Implementation Options and the Effects on National Defense: Administration Perspectives. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Zients, Acting Director, Office of Management and

Budget; and Ashton Carter, Deputy Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense.

UNITED STATES PACIFIC COMMAND AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on United States Pacific Command area of responsibility. Testimony was heard from Robert Scher, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Plans, Department of Defense; David F. Helvey, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

NONPROLIFERATION AND DISARMAMENT: WHAT'S THE CONNECTION AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR U.S. SECURITY AND OBAMA ADMINISTRATION POLICY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on Nonproliferation and Disarmament: What's the Connection and What Does that Mean for U.S. Security and Obama Administration Policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee completed markup of H.R. 6213, the ''No More Solyndras Act''; H.R. 6190, the ''Asthma Inhalers Relief Act of 2012''; H.R. 6194, the ''U.S. Agricultural Sector Relief Act of 2012''; S. 710, the ''Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Establishment Act''; and H.R. 6131, a bill to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, and Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers Beyond Border Act of 2006''. The following were ordered reported, without amendment: S. 710; H.R. 6131; H.R. 6194; and H.R. 6190. The following was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 6213.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup of resolutions appointing Majority members to subcommittees. The resolutions were agreed to.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a markup of the following: H.R. 2827, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to clarify provisions relating to the regulation of municipal advisors, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6161, the ''Fostering Innovation Act''. H.R. 2827 was forwarded, as amended; and H.R. 6161 was forwarded without amendment.

SEEKING FREEDOM FOR AMERICAN TRAPPED IN BOLIVIAN PRISON

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled ''Seeking Freedom for American Trapped in Bolivian Prison''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BREACH OF TRUST: ADDRESSING MISCONDUCT AMONG TSA SCREENERS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled ''Breach of Trust: Addressing Misconduct Among TSA Screeners''. Testimony was heard from John Halinski, Deputy Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management held a markup of H.R. 5913, the ''DHS Accountability Act of 2012''. H.R. 5913 was forwarded, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 6215, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to correct an error in the provisions relating to remedies for dilution; H.R. 6189, the ''Reporting Efficiency Improvement Act''; H.R. 4305, the ''Child and Elderly Missing Alert Program''; H.R. 6185, to improve security at State and local courthouses; H.R. 2800, the ''Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program Reauthorization of 2011''; H.R. 1775, the ''Stolen Valor Act of 2011''; and S. 285, for the relief of Sopuruchi Chukwueke. The following were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 6215; H.R. 6189; H.R. 6185; and S. 285. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4305; H.R. 1775; and H.R. 2800.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing on H.R. 3889, the ''Promoting Automotive Repair, Trade, and Sales Act'' (''PARTS Act''). Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a meeting to consider motion to authorize issuance of subpoenas; and markup of the following measures: H.R. 2706, the ''Billfish Conservation Act of 2011''; H.R. 3319, to allow the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to determine the requirements for membership in that tribe; H.R. 4194, to amend the Alaska Native

Claims Settlement Act to provide that Alexander Creek, Alaska, is and shall be recognized as an eligible Native village under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 5319, the ''Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Study Act''; H.R. 5544, the ''Minnesota Education Investment and Employment Act''; H.R. 6007, the ''North Texas Zebra Mussel Barrier Act of 2012''; H.R. 6060, the ''Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Extension Act of 2012''; and H.R. 6089, the ''Healthy Forest Management Act of 2012''. The motion to authorize issuance of subpoenas was approved. The following were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 2706; H.R. 3319; H.R. 5319; and H.R. 6089. The following were forwarded, without amendment: H.R. 4194; H.R. 6007; H.R. 6060; and H.R. 6089.

OVERSIGHT OF INVESTIGATION MANAGEMENT IN THE OFFICE OF THE DHS IG

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management held a hearing entitled ''Unresolved Internal Investigations at DHS: Oversight of Investigation Management in the Office of the DHS IG''. Testimony was heard from Charles Edwards, Acting Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General; David Aguilar, Acting Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and Daniel Ragsdale, Acting Deputy Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

AGRICULTURAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2012

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 6233, the ''Agricultural Disaster Assistance Act of 2012''. The Committee, granted by voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representative Lucas.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BUSINESS AND RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES: COLLABORATIONS FUELING AMERICAN INNOVATION AND JOB CREATION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing entitled ''The Relationship Between Business and Research Universities: Collaborations Fueling American Innovation and Job Creation''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EMERGING COMMERCIAL SUBORBITAL REUSABLE LAUNCH VEHICLE MARKET

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled ''The Emerging Commercial Suborbital Reusable Launch Vehicle Market''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

KNOW BEFORE YOU REGULATE: THE IMPACT OF CFPB REGULATIONS ON SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Know Before You Regulate: The Impact of CFPB Regulations on Small Business''. Testimony was heard from Richard Cordray, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

GSA: A REVIEW OF AGENCY MISMANAGEMENT AND WASTEFUL SPENDING—PART 2

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''GSA: A Review of Agency Mismanagement and Wasteful Spending—Part 2''. Testimony was heard from Brian Miller, Inspector General, General Services Administration; and Cynthia Metzler, Chief Administrative Services Officer, General Services Administration.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure : Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 2541, the ''Silviculture Regulatory Consistency Act''; H.R. 4278, the ''Preserving Rural Resources Act of 2012''; H.R. 5806, the ''Outreach to People With Disabilities During Emergencies Act''; and H.R. 5961, the ''Farmer's Privacy Act of 2012''. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2541; H.R. 5806; and H.R. 5961. The following was ordered reported, without amendment H.R. 4278.

REMOVING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS FROM MEDICARE CARDS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security and Subcommittee on Health, held a hearing on Removing Social Security Numbers from Medicare Cards. Testimony was heard from Tony Trenkle, Chief Information Officer and Director, Office of Information Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, State of Maryland; and Kathleen King, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, *p. D791)*

H.R. 205, to amend the Act titled ''An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases'', approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior. Signed on July 30, 2012. (Public Law 112–151)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense and the Legislative Branch, 10:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine the tri-party repo market, focusing on the remaining challenges, 9 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, ''The Family and Business Tax Cut Certainty Act of 2012'', 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 225, to permit the disclosure of certain information for the purpose of missing child investigations, S.J. Res. 44, granting the consent of Congress to the State and Province Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding, S. 645, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system, and the nominations of Thomas M. Durkin, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Jon S. Tigar, and William H. Orrick, III, of the District of Columbia, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, 10 a.m., SD–226.

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

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Afghan National Security Forces: Afghan Corruption and the Development of an Effective Fighting Force, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled ''The American Energy Initiative'', 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled ''Oversight of the Consumer Product Safety Commission'', 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology, hearing entitled ''Sound Money: Parallel Currencies and the Roadmap to Monetary Freedom'', 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled ''The State Department's Center for Strategic Counterterrorism Communications: Mission, Operations, and Impact'', 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 997, the ''English Language Unity Act of 2011'', 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Oversight of the Actions, Independence and Accountability of the Acting Inspector General of the Department of the Interior'', 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Park, Forests and Public Lands, hearing entitled ''Concession Contract Issues for Outfitters, Guides and Smaller Concessions'', 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled ''Indian lands: exploring resolutions to disputes concerning Indian tribes, state and local governments, and private landowners over land use and development'', 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''IRS: Enforcing ObamaCare's New Rules and Taxes'', 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''A Review of Amtrak Operations, Part I: Mismanagement of Food and Beverage Services'', 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing entitled ''Odyssey of the CVE'', 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

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 3 through July 31, 2012

	Senate	*House*	*Total*
Days in session	98	99	..
Time in session	646 hrs., 3′	541 hrs., 14′	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	5,803	5,526	..
Extensions of Remarks	..	1,368	..
Public bills enacted into law	14	47	61
Private bills enacted into law	..	..	..
Bills in conference	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	233	252	..
Senate bills	33	17	..
House bills	50	162	..
Senate joint resolutions	..	..	..
House joint resolutions	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	7	5	..
House concurrent resolutions	11	12	..
Simple resolutions	132	55	..
Measures reported, total	*140	*253	393
Senate bills	100	10	..
House bills	24	202	..
Senate joint resolutions	..	..	..
House joint resolutions	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	..	2	..
Simple resolutions	16	39	..
Special reports	5	25	..
Conference reports	3	3	..
Measures pending on calendar	345	95	..
Measures introduced, total	1,652	2,781	4,433
Bills	1,433	2,481	..
Joint resolutions	15	19	..
Concurrent resolutions	21	40	..
Simple resolutions	183	241	..
Quorum calls	..	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	186	169	..
Recorded votes	..	**368	..
Bills vetoed	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden	..	..	..

* These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 92 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 281 reports have been filed in the House.

** Proceedings on Roll Call No. 327 were vacated by unanimous consent.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through July 31, 2012

Civilian nominations, totaling 352 (including 188 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	176
Unconfirmed	160
Withdrawn	16
Other Civilian Nominations, totaling 3764 (including 167 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,130
Unconfirmed	2,631
Withdrawn	3
Air Force nominations, totaling 5,574 (including 295 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,129
Unconfirmed	3,624
Withdrawn	1
Army nominations, totaling 4,422 (including 16 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	4,411
Unconfirmed	10
Withdrawn	1
Navy nominations, totaling 1,818 (including 1 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,816
Unconfirmed	2
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1310, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,310

Summary

Total nominations carried over from the First Session	667
Total nominations received this Session	16,753
Total confirmed	10,972
Total unconfirmed	6,427
Total withdrawn	21

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, August 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: The Majority Leader will be recognized. At approximately 9:30 a.m., Senate will begin consideration of S. 3326, African Growth and Opportunity Act. At 11 a.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 3414, Cybersecurity Act, and on or in relation to the Coburn amendment to S. 3326. The filing deadline for second-degree amendments to S. 3414, Cybersecurity Act, will be at 10 a.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, August 2

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 6169—Pathway to Job Creation through a Simpler, Fairer Tax Code Act of 2012 (Subject to a Rule) and consideration of H.R. 6233—Agricultural Disaster Assistance Act of 2012 (Subject to a Rule).

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