

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1023–S1076

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 422–429, and S. Res. 80–86. **Page S1060**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 81, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2011, through September 30, 2011, and October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012, and October 1, 2012, through February 28, 2013. **Page S1060**

Measures Passed:

Pay During Government Shutdown: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 388, to prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S1051–52**

Read Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 83, designating March 2, 2011, as “Read Across America Day”. **Page S1075**

Expressing Support for Sri Lanka: Senate agreed to S. Res. 84, expressing support for internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace. **Page S1075**

Condemning the Human Rights Violations in Libya: Senate agreed to S. Res. 85, strongly condemning the gross and systematic violations of human rights in Libya, including violent attacks on protesters demanding democratic reforms. **Pages S1075–76**

Measures Considered:

Patent Reform Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 23, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1030–51, S1052–53**

Adopted:

By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 27), Leahy Modified Amendment No. 121, to improve the bill. **Pages S1032, S1034–44, S1050**

Rejected:

Vitter/Toomey Modified Amendment No. 112, to require that the Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached, provided that the Government give equal priority to payment of social security benefits. (By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 28), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1030, S1044, S1050–51**

Withdrawn:

DeMint (for Vitter) Modified Amendment No. 113, to require that the Government give equal priority to payment of social security benefits and payment of all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached. **Pages S1032–33**

Pending:

Leahy Amendment No. 114, to improve the bill. **Page S1030**

Bennet Amendment No. 116, to reduce the fee amounts paid by small entities requesting prioritized examination under Three-Track Examination. **Page S1030**

Bennet Amendment No. 117, to establish additional USPTO satellite offices. **Page S1030**

Lee Amendment No. 115, to express the sense of the Senate in support of a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. **Page S1030**

Kirk/Pryor Amendment No. 123, to provide a fast lane for small businesses within the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to receive information and support regarding patent filing issues. **Pages S1033–34**

Menendez Amendment No. 124, to provide for prioritized examination for technologies important to American competitiveness. **Pages S1052–53**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, upon disposition of H.J. Res. 44, on Wednesday, March 2, 2011. **Page S1076**

Further Continuing Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, March 2, 2011, Senate begin consideration of H.J. Res. 44, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011; that the Senate then vote on passage of the resolution, with no intervening action or debate; provided further, that the cloture motion on the motion to proceed to H.R. 359, be vitiated. **Page S1075**

Messages from the House: **Pages S1057–58**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—28) **Pages S1050, S1050–51**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2011. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1076.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine the impacts of a long-term continuing resolution on the Department of Defense and proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from William J. Lynn, III, Deputy Secretary, and Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary, Comptroller, Chief Financial Officer, both of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine U.S. Special Operations Command and U.S. Central Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral Eric T. Olson, USN, Commander, United States Special Operations Command, and General James N. Mattis, USMC, Commander, U.S. Central Command, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 112th Congress.

SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine The Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, after receiving testimony from Ben Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Education, after receiving testimony from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 112th Congress:

Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security: Senators Cantwell (Chair), Inouye, Boxer, Nelson (FL), Lautenberg, Klobuchar, Udall (NM), Warner, Begich, DeMint, Ensign, Thune, Wicker, Isakson, Blunt, Boozman, and Toomey.

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet: Senators Kerry (Chair), Inouye, Boxer, Nelson (FL), Cantwell, Lautenberg, Pryor, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Udall (NM), Warner, Begich, Ensign, Snowe, DeMint, Thune, Wicker, Isakson, Blunt, Boozman, Toomey, Rubio, and Ayotte.

Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion: Senators Klobuchar (Chair), Kerry, Cantwell, Pryor, Udall (NM), Warner, Begich, Blunt, Ensign, DeMint, Thune, Boozman, and Ayotte.

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance: Senators Pryor (Chair), Kerry, Boxer, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Udall (NM), Wicker, Ensign, Thune, Boozman, and Toomey.

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard: Senators Begich (Chair), Inouye, Kerry, Nelson (FL), Cantwell, Lautenberg, Klobuchar, Warner, Snowe, Ensign, Wicker, Isakson, Boozman, Rubio, and Ayotte.

Subcommittee on Science and Space: Senators Nelson (FL) (Chairman), Inouye, Kerry, Cantwell, Pryor, Warner, Boozman, Ensign, Wicker, Rubio, and Ayotte.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security: Senators Lautenberg (Chair), Inouye, Kerry, Boxer, Cantwell, Pryor, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Udall (NM), Warner, Begich, Thune, Ensign, DeMint, Wicker, Isakson, Blunt, Boozman, Toomey, Rubio, and Ayotte.

Senators Rockefeller and Hutchison are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

TAX POLICY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine changes in the law and tax environment since the Tax Reform Act of 1986, after receiving testimony from Fred T. Goldberg, Jr., Jonathan Talisman, Mark A. Weinberger, Pamela F. Olson, and Eric Solomon, all former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy.

NORTH KOREAN PROVOCATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine breaking the cycle of North Korean provocations, after receiving testimony from Stephen W. Bosworth, Special Representative for North Korea Policy, and Kurt Campbell, Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, both of the Department of State; L. Gordon Flake, Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, and Marcus Noland, Peterson Institute for International Economics, both of Washington, D.C.; and Robert Carlin,

Stanford University Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford, California.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION'S HEARTLAND REGION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine public relations contracts at the General Services Administration's Heartland Region, after receiving testimony from Brian D. Miller, Inspector General, Martha Johnson, Administrator, and Robert Peck, Commissioner, and Mary Ruwwe, Regional Commissioner, Heartland Region, both of the Public Buildings Service, all of the General Services Administration.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2011, through September 30, 2011, and October 1, 2011, through February 28, 2013.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation from Disabled American Veterans, after receiving testimony from Wallace E. Tyson, Washington, D.C., and Joseph A. Violante, Fayetteville, North Carolina, both of Disabled American Veterans.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 845–866; and 6 resolutions, H.Res. 130–135 were introduced. **Pages H1454–55**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1456**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 128, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 662) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the High-

way Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs (H. Rept. 112–20) and

H. Res. 129, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4) to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–21). **Page H1454**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1393**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:28 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1402**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Pastor Alisa Lasater Wailoo, Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, Washington, DC. **Pages H1402–03**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H1403**

Further Continuing Appropriations Amendments, 2011: The House passed H.J. Res. 44, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011, by a recorded vote of 335 yeas to 91 nays, Roll No. 154. **Pages H1406–28**

Rejected the Keating motion to recommit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 176 yeas to 249 nays, Roll No. 153. **Pages H1426–27**

H. Res. 115, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 251 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 152, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 241 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 151. **Pages H1406–15**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H1403–04.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 8 was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. **Page H1452**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1414, H1414–15, H1427, H1427–28. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Eric Holder, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations held a hearing on the Department of Energy Weapons Activities FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Thomas D'Agostino, Under Secretary for Nuclear Security; Donald L. Cook, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs; and Brig. Gen. Sandra E. Finan, Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator for Military Application.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government Appropriations held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from Douglas H. Shulman, Commissioner, IRS.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations held a hearing on Major Management Challenges at the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Anu Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and Mary L. Kendall, Acting Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations held a hearing on Major Management Challenges at the U.S. Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Anu Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, Department of Agriculture.

FY 2012 BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the FY 2012 national defense authorization budget request from the Department of the Navy. Testimony was heard from Ray Maybus, Secretary of the Navy; ADM Gary Roughhead, Chief of Naval Operations, USN; and Gen. James F. Amos, Commandant, USMC.

FY 2012 BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the FY 2012 national defense authorization budget request for the Department of Defense Science and Technology programs. Testimony was heard from Zachary J. Lemnios, Director, Defense Research and

Engineering, DOD; Marilyn Freeman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology, USA; Rear Admiral Nevin P. Carr, Jr., Chief of Naval Research, USN; Stephen Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Science, Technology and Engineering, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, USAF; and Regina Dugan, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, DOD.

AFGHANISTAN WARFIGHTER

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on equipping the warfighter in Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from Thomas Dee, Director, Joint Rapid Acquisition Cell, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, DOD; and William M. Solis, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO.

EDUCATION REGULATIONS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on Education Regulations: Weighing the Burden on Schools and Students. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEDICAID AND STATE HEALTH CARE REFORM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing entitled “The Consequences of Obamacare: Impact on Medicaid and State Health Care Reform.” Testimony was heard from Gary R. Herbert, Governor of Utah; Deval Patrick, Governor of Massachusetts; and Haley Barbour, Governor of Mississippi.

GREENHOUSE GAS REGULATIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “EPA’s Greenhouse Gas Regulations and Their Effect on American Jobs.” Testimony was heard from Gina A. McCarthy, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA; and public witnesses.

MORTGAGE FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Mortgage Finance Reform: An Examination of the Obama Administration’s Report to Congress.” Testimony was heard from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

HUD OVERSIGHT

Committee on Financial Services: Held an oversight hearing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the Department’s budget request for FY 2012. Testimony was heard from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

ASSESSING U.S. FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES AND NEEDS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Assessing U.S. Foreign Policy Priorities and Needs Amidst Economic Challenges. Testimony was heard from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on Committee Funding for the 112th Congress.

IMMIGRATION AND AMERICAN MINORITIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement held a hearing on Making Immigration Work for American Minorities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing on Oversight of the Office of the U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator. Testimony was heard from Victoria Espinel, Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President.

WILD LANDS ORDER

Committee on Natural Resources: Held an oversight hearing on the Impact of the Administration’s Wild Lands Order on Jobs and Economic Growth. Testimony was heard from C.L. “Butch” Otter, Governor of Idaho; Gary R. Herbert, Governor of Utah; Robert Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

DC OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives held a hearing on the DC Opportunity Scholarship Program: Keeping the Door Open. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2011

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule. 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. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule makes in order

the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Mica of Florida, or his designee, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all point of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Mica.

SMALL BUSINESS PAPERWORK MANDATE ACT OF 2011

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule. 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. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule makes in order the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Mica of Florida, or his designee, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all point of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Camp; Rep. Levin; and Rep. Crowley.

FY 2012 BUDGET

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on a Review of the Administration's FY 2012 Budget Requests for the U.S. Coast Guard, Federal Maritime Commission, and Federal Maritime Administration; Finding Ways to do More with Less. Testimony was heard from ADM Robert J. Papp, Jr., Commandant, USCG; Michael P. Leavitt, Master Chief Petty Officer, USCG; Richard A. Lidinsky, Jr., Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission; and David T. Matsuda, Administrator, Maritime Administration.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of State and Foreign Operations, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on the Budget: To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: To hold hearings to examine the future of American manufacturing, focusing on maintaining America's competitive edge, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: To hold hearings to examine preventing health care fraud, focusing on new tools and approaches to combat old challenges, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: To hold hearings to examine national security and foreign policy priorities in the fiscal year 2012 International Affairs Budget, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: To hold hearings to examine improving employment opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: To hold hearings to examine eliminating bottlenecks, focusing on streamlining the nominations process, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine preventing abuse of the Military's Tuition Assistance Program, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: To hold hearings to examine helping law enforcement find missing children, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Goodwin Liu, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Kevin Hunter Sharp, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, Roy Bale Dalton, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Claire C. Cecchi, and Esther Salas, both to be United

States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, 2:45 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012, 10:30 a.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging: To hold hearings to examine ending elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation, 2 p.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations, on FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations, on Patent and Trademark Office FY 2010 Budget Request, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Department of Defense Budget Review, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations, on Department of Energy, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation and Naval Reactors FY 2012 Budget Requests, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government Appropriations, on Election Assistance Commission, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security Appropriations, on Department of Homeland Security, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations, on Major Management Challenges at the EPA, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations, on FY 2012 Budget Request, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the FY 2012 national defense authorization budget request from the Department of the Army, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the status of U.S. Strategic Forces, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, to mark up H.J. Res. 37, Disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to regulating the Internet and broadband industry practices, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Waste, Fraud, and Abuse: A Continuing Threat to Medicare and Medicaid," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on monetary policy and the state of the economy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "The Effect of Dodd-Frank on Small Financial Institutions and Small Businesses," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to End Taxpayer Funding for Ineffective Foreclosure Mitigation Programs," 2 p.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled "Terrorist Threat to the U.S. Homeland—Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP)," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, continued hearing on Committee Funding for the 112th Congress, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, oversight hearing on the Department of the Interior spending for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Office of Insular Affairs and the President's Fiscal Year 2012 budget request for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Office of Insular Affairs, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on examining the spending, priorities and the missions of the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Geological Survey's Water Resources program, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense, and Foreign Operations, hearing on U.S. Military Leaving Iraq: Is the State Department Ready? 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy, hearing on Pushing the Envelope: The Looming Crisis at USPS, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, hearing on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on the Small Business Administration FY 2012 Budget Request, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Review of the FY 2010 Budget and Priorities of the Environmental Protection Agency: Impacts on Jobs, Liberty, and the Economy, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, to continue to meet for organizational purposes, and to hold a hearing on Improving Efforts to Combat Health Care Fraud, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

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 through February 28, 2011

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	17	21	..
Time in session	115 hrs., 45'	162 hrs., 56'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	1,022	1,392	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	380	..
Public bills enacted into law	1	2	3
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	50	48	98
Senate bills	5	1	..
House bills	2	10	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	5	2	..
House concurrent resolutions	2	3	..
Simple resolutions	36	32	..
Measures reported, total	*21	*18	39
Senate bills	3	..	..
House bills .....	..	7	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions	18	11	..
Special reports .....	..	1	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	11	4	..
Measures introduced, total	517	1,025	1,542
Bills	421	831	..
Joint resolutions	9	44	..
Concurrent resolutions	8	23	..
Simple resolutions	79	127	..
Quorum calls	1	2	..
Yea-and-nay votes	26	35	..
Recorded votes .....	..	112	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 5 through February 28, 2011

Civilian nominations, totaling 162, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	8
Unconfirmed	154
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 383, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	383
Air Force nominations, totaling 448, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	448
Army nominations, totaling 211, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	211
Navy nominations, totaling 80, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	80
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,240, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	1,240
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominations received this Session	2,524
Total confirmed	8
Total unconfirmed	2,516
Total withdrawn	0
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 1 written report has been filed in the Senate, 19 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 2

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will begin consideration of H.J. Res. 44, Further Continuing Appropriations, and vote on passage of the resolution at approximately 11 a.m. Upon disposition of H.J. Res. 44, Senate will continue consideration of S. 23, Patent Reform Act.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 662—Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2011 (Subject to a Rule). Begin consideration of H.R. 4—Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act of 2011 (Subject to a Rule).

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