

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2407–S2458*

**Measures Introduced:** Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 802–815, and S. Res. 144. **Page S2446**

#### Measures Passed:

**Anniversary of the Death of the President of Poland:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 135, remembering the 1-year anniversary of the April 10, 2010, plane crash that claimed the lives of the President of Poland Lech Kaczynski, his wife, and 94 others, while they were en route to memorialize those Polish officers, officials, and civilians who were massacred by the Soviet Union in 1940, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2457–58**

**Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 14, 2011 Senate proceed to a period of morning business for debate only with Senators permitted to speak for up to ten minutes each until the Senate receives the papers from the House of Representatives with respect to the following items: H.R. 1473, making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011; H. Con. Res. 35, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1473; and H. Con. Res. 36, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1473; that when the Senate receive the papers from the House of Representatives, Senate proceed to vote on the two concurrent resolutions and passage of the bill in the following order: H. Con. Res. 35; H. Con. Res. 36; and H.R. 1473; that there be two minutes of debate equally divided prior to each vote; that there be no amendments in order to the bill or the concurrent resolutions prior to the votes; that the correcting resolutions and the bill be subject to a 60 vote threshold; that the only points of order and mo-

tions in order be budget points of order and the applicable motions to waive; provided further, that the Secretary of the Senate immediately notify the House of Representatives of the results of the Senate's action on the House measures. **Pages S2438–39**

**Morning Business—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, April 14, 2011, the Senate proceed to a period of morning business with the time until 2 p.m., equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with all other provisions under the previous order remaining in effect. **Page S2458**

**Nomination Referral—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Committee on Finance reports the nomination of David S. Cohen, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury, the nomination be referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. **Page S2458**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:41 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2458.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: U.S. PACIFIC COMMAND

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense received a closed briefing on the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 United States Pacific Command (PACOM), after receiving testimony from Admiral Robert F. Willard, USN, Commander, United States Pacific Command.

### APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2012 for the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Robert L. Van Antwerp, Commanding General, United States Army Corps of Engineers, and Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, both of the Department of Defense; and Michael L. Connor, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, and Anne Castle, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, both of the Department of the Interior.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Senator Nelson (FL); Sergeant Major of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III, USA, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick D. West, USN, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Carlton W. Kent, USMC, and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James A. Roy, USAF, all of the Department of Defense; Master Chief Joseph L. Barnes, USN (Ret.), Fleet Reserve Association, Captain Ike Puzon, USN (Ret.), Association of the United States Navy, and Kathleen B. Moakler, National Military Family Association, all of Alexandria, Virginia; Colonel Steven P. Strobridge, USAF (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Washington, D.C.; and Kathy Roth-Douquet, Blue Star Families, Falls Church, Virginia.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine ballistic missile defense policies and programs in review of

the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Bradley H. Roberts, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy, Lieutenant General Patrick J. O'Reilly, USA, Director, Missile Defense Agency, and Rear Admiral Archer M. Macy, Jr., USN, Director, Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense Organization, Joint Staff, all of the Department of Defense; and Christina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

### NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request and oversight for fiscal year 2012 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), after receiving testimony from Jane Lubchenco, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

### DOMESTIC RENEWABLE FUELS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine domestic renewable fuels, focusing on ethanol and advanced biofuels, after receiving testimony from Thomas Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture; Gina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Henry Kelly, Acting Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Michael J. McAdams, Advanced Biofuels Association (ABFA), and Scott Faber, Grocery Manufacturers Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Jan Koninckx, DuPont Applied BioSciences, Wilmington, Delaware; Kris Kiser, The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute, Alexandria, Virginia; and Brooke Coleman, Advanced Ethanol Council, Boston, Massachusetts.

### DEFICIT REDUCTION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on deficit reduction, after receiving testimony from J.D. Foster, Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.; David M. Walker, former Comptroller General of the United States, Bridgeport, Connecticut, on behalf of the Comeback America Initiative; and Alan S. Blinder, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

## U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine international development policy priorities in the fiscal year 2012 budget, after receiving testimony from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development; and Daniel W. Yohannes, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Washington, D.C.

## BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 679, to reduce the number of executive positions subject to Senate confirmation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 300, to prevent abuse of Government charge cards;

S. 498, to ensure objective, independent review of task and delivery orders, with an amendment;

S. 762, to improve the Federal Acquisition Institute;

S. 191, to direct the Department of Homeland Security to undertake a study on emergency communications, with an amendment;

S. Res. 128, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 1 through 7, 2011; and

The nomination of Rafael Borrás, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management.

## SUPPORTING VICTIMS OF CRIME

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine fulfilling our commitment to support victims of crime, after receiving testimony from Mary Lou Leary, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Kent Burbank, Pima County Attorney's Office, Tucson, Arizona; and Margaret Garvin, National Crime Victim Law Institute, Portland, Oregon.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Henry F. Floyd, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, who was introduced by Representative Clyburn, Nelva Gonzales Ramos, to

be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, Richard Brooke Jackson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, who was introduced by Senators Udall (CO) and Bennet, Sara Lynn Darrow, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, who was introduced by Senator Brown (MA), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine veterans' employment, focusing on improving the transition from the battlefield to the workforce, after receiving testimony from Raymond M. Jefferson, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training; John Berry, Director, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; John R. Campbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Wounded Warrior Care and Transition Policy; Garrett Reppenhagen, Veterans Green Jobs, Denver, Colorado; Eric Smith, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Baltimore, Maryland; T. L. McCreary, Military.com, and Michael L. Yauger, The International Brotherhood of Teamsters, both of Washington, D.C.

## FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL DEVICE APPROVAL PROCESS REFORM

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the reform of the medical device approval process, focusing on premarket review and postmarket safety efforts, after receiving testimony from Marcia Crosse, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; William Maisel, Deputy Center Director for Science, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Diana Zuckerman, National Research Center for Women and Families, and David Nexon, Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed), both of Washington, D.C.; Frederic S. Resnic, Harvard Medical School Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts; Ralph F. Hall, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis; and Katherine Korgaokar, Denver, Colorado.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 28 public bills, H.R. 1504–1531; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 39–41 were introduced. **Pages H2664–65**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2666–67**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H. Res. 218, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1473) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 35) directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1473; and providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 36) directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1473 (H. Rept. 112–60 Pt. 2) and

H. Res. 223, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 34) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2012 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2021 (H. Rept. 112–62). **Page H2664**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Woodall to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2607**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2613**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Jack Graham, Prestonwood Baptist Church, Plano, Texas. **Page H2613**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H2613, H2633**

**Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 1473, making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011; providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 35, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1473; and providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 36, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1473, by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 260, after the previous question was

ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 259. **Pages H2616–24, H2632–33**

A point of order raised by Representative Weiner on the content of the measure was overruled by the Chair. **Page H2617**

**Repealing the Prevention and Public Health Fund:** The House passed H.R. 1217, to repeal the Prevention and Public Health Fund, by a recorded vote of 236 yeas to 183 noes, Roll No. 264.

**Pages H2624–32, H2633–47**

Rejected the Loeb sack motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 189 yeas to 234 noes, Roll No. 263. **Pages H2645–46**

Agreed to:

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–61) that requires the Department of Health and Human Services to post on its website a notice of rescission of unobligated Section 4002 funds and the amount rescinded. **Pages H2640–42**

Rejected:

Castor (FL) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–61) that sought to require the U.S. Government Accountability Office to conduct a study of the impact funds awarded through the Prevention and Public Health Fund would have on preventing chronic diseases and promoting health (by a recorded vote of 187 yeas to 237 noes, Roll No. 261) and

**Pages H2642–43, H2644–45**

Castor (FL) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–61) that sought to require the U.S. Government Accountability Office to conduct a study of the economic impact funds awarded through the Prevention and Public Health Fund would have on states and communities (by a recorded vote of 188 yeas to 238 noes, Roll No. 262).

**Pages H2643–44, H2645**

H. Res. 219, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 258, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 257. **Pages H2624–32**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, April 14th, for morning hour debate and 11 a.m. for legislative business. **Page H2660**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2631, H2631–32, H2632–33, H2633, H2644, H2645, H2646–47, H2647. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **IMPLEMENTING DODD-FRANK: A REVIEW OF THE CFTC'S RULEMAKING PROCESS**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing on Implementing Dodd-Frank: A Review of the CFTC's Rulemaking Process. Testimony was heard from Dan M. Berkovitz, General Counsel, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and public witnesses.

### **STATE OF THE POULTRY INDUSTRY**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing on the state of the poultry industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **DEFENSE ACQUISITION**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Defense Acquisition. Testimony was heard from Ashton Carter, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics.

### **MEMBERS DAY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies, Members Day hearing. Testimony was heard from Members of the 112th Congress.

### **EXAMINING FRAGMENTATION AND OVERLAP OF FEDERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Examining Fragmentation and Overlap of Federal Education Programs. Testimony was heard from George Scott, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO.

### **GUANTANAMO DETAINEE TRANSFER POLICY AND RECIDIVISM**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Guantanamo detainee transfer policy and recidivism. Testimony was heard from William K. Lietzau, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Detainee Policy, Department of Defense; Daniel Fried, Ambassador, Special Envoy for the Closure of the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility, Department of State; Ed Mornston, Director, Joint Intelligence Task Force, Combating Terrorism Directorate for Analysis, Defense Intelligence Agency; Corin Stone, Deputy Assistant Director of National Intelligence for Policy

and Strategy, Intelligence Community Information Sharing Executive, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Brad Wiegmann, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice.

### **FY 2012 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, BASE CLOSURE, ENVIRONMENT, FACILITIES OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on the fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget request for military construction, base closure, environment, facilities operation and maintenance. Testimony was heard from Dorothy Robyn, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Installations and Environment; Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Installations, Energy and Environment; Jackalyn Pfannenstiel, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Energy, Installations and Environment; and Terry Yonkers, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Installations, Environment and Logistic.

### **JOBS AND ENERGY PERMITTING ACT OF 2011**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on Jobs and Energy Permitting Act of 2011 legislation. Testimony was heard from Sen. Murkowski; Sen. Begich; Rep. Young; Dan Sullivan, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, Alaska; and public witnesses.

### **STATUS OF FDA'S SCREENING EFFORTS AT THE BORDER**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Government Reform held a hearing entitled "Import Safety: Status of FDA's Screening Efforts at the Border." Testimony was heard from Margaret A. Hamburg, M.D., Commissioner, FDA.

### **PRIORITIES FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Priorities for U.S. Assistance in the Western Hemisphere. Testimony was heard from Arturo Valenzuela, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and Mark Feierstein, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development.

### CRISIS IN COTE D'IVOIRE: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNTRY AND REGION; AND MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing on Crisis in Cote d'Ivoire: Implications for the Country and Region. Testimony was heard from William Fitzgerald, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State. The hearing was followed by a markup of the following: H.R. 515, Belarus Democracy Reauthorization Act of 2011; and H. Res. 85, supporting the democratic aspirations of the Ivoirian people and calling on the United States to apply intense diplomatic pressure and provide humanitarian support in response to the political crisis in Cote d'Ivoire. Both were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

### POLITICAL TRANSITIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Shifting Sands: Political Transitions in the Middle East, Part 1. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### TAKING MEASURE OF COUNTERMEASURES

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled "Taking Measure of Countermeasures (Part 1): A review of government and industry efforts to protect the homeland through accelerated research, development, and acquisition of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear medical countermeasures." Testimony was heard from Cynthia Bascetta, Managing Director, Health Care, GAO; Segaran P. Pillai, Chief Medical and Science Advisor, Chemical and Biological Division, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Richard J. Hatchett, Chief Medical Officer and Deputy Director, Strategic Sciences and Management, Department of Health and Human Services; Gerald W. Parker, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Chemical and Biological Defense, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

### H-2A VISA PROGRAM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement held a hearing on the H-2A Visa Program: Meeting the Growing Needs of American Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

### BUSINESS ACTIVITY TAX SIMPLIFICATION ACT OF 2011

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on legislation on the Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2011. Testimony was heard from Rep. Goodlatte; Rep. Scott of Virginia; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a markup. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1229, Putting the Gulf of Mexico Back to Work Act; H.R. 1230, Restarting American Offshore Leasing Now Act, was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1231, Reversing President Obama's Offshore Moratorium Act; and

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a markup. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 828, Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act of 2011; H.R. 829, Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2011; and H.R. 1470, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the probationary period applicable to appointments in the civil service, and for other purposes. The following was ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 1423, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 4th Avenue Southwest in Ardmore, Oklahoma, as the "Specialist Micheal E. Phillips Post Office".

### FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ACT

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy held a hearing entitled "Federal Employees' Compensation Act: A Fair Approach?" Testimony was heard from Gary Steinberg, Acting Director, Office of Workers Compensation, Department of Labor; Bill Siemer, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, U.S. Postal Service; and public witnesses.

### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structure rule for consideration of H. Con. Res. 34, concurrent resolution establishing the budget for the United States Government for the fiscal year 2012 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2021.

The rule provides four hours of general debate with three hours confined to the congressional budget equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the

Budget and one hour on the subject of economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Rep. Brady (TX) and Rep. Hinchey (NY) or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the Rules Committee report as an original concurrent resolution for purpose of amendment, and provides that such amendment shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the report.

The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the report, which 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, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report, except that the adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute shall constitute the conclusion of consideration of amendments. The rule provides, upon the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment, for a final period of general debate, which shall not exceed 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule permits the Chairman of the Budget Committee to offer amendments in the House pursuant to section 305(a)(5) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to achieve mathematical consistency. Finally, the rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question of its adoption. Testimony was heard by Chairman Ryan of Wisconsin, Representatives Garrett, Van Hollen, Honda, Moore, Tonko, Cooper, Scott of Virginia, Woolsey, Fattah, Lee of California, Grijalva, and Cleaver.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a markup on H.R. 1425, Creating Jobs Through Small Business Innovation Act of 2011. The bill was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

#### GREEN JOBS AND RED TAPE

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on Green Jobs and Red Tape: Assessing Federal Efforts to Encourage Employment. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### HOW TAX COMPLEXITY HINDERS SMALL BUSINESSES

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing on How Tax Complexity Hinders Small Businesses: The Impact on Job Creation and Economic Growth. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### IMPROVING AND STREAMLINING THE COAST GUARD'S ACQUISITION PROGRAM

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Improving and Streamlining the Coast Guard's Acquisition Program. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral John Currier, Deputy Commandant for Mission Support, USCG; and John P. Hutton, Director of Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO.

#### CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING PRACTICES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Inspect What You Expect: Construction Contracting Practices at the Department of Veterans Affairs". Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans' Affairs officials: Belinda J. Finn, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General; and Cherie Palmer, Audit Director, Chicago Audit Operations Division, Office of Inspector General.

#### SPECIAL BURDENS THAT THE TAX CODE IMPOSES ON INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS AND FAMILIES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing on the special burdens that the tax code imposes on individual taxpayers and families and on the need for comprehensive tax reform to address these problems. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### ROLE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS IN IDENTITY THEFT AND OPTIONS TO GUARD THEIR PRIVACY

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on the role of Social Security numbers in identity theft and options to guard their privacy. Testimony was heard from Patrick P. O'Carroll Jr., Inspector General, Social Security Administration; Maneesha Mithal, Associate Director of the Division of Privacy and Identity Protection, Federal Trade Commission; and Theresa L. Gruber, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Office of Operations, Social Security Administration.

## MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, HUMINT, Analysis, and Counterintelligence held a hearing on Muslim Brotherhood. Testimony was heard from departmental officials.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Army and the Department of Air Force, 2 p.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works,* to hold hearings to examine issues for surface transportation authorization, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance,* business meeting to consider the nominations of Jenni Rane LeCompte, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary, and David S. Cohen, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, both of the Department of the Treasury, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine assessing the fiscal year 2012 budget for Africa, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs,* to hold hearings to examine Federal regulation, focusing on how to best advance the public interest, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs,* to hold hearings to examine S. 636, to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, S. 703, to amend the Long-Term Leasing Act, and S. 546, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* business meeting to consider S. 350, to require restitution for victims of criminal violations of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, S. 623, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, relating to protective orders, sealing of cases, disclosures of discovery information in civil actions, and the nominations of Bernice Bouie Donald, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, and Virginia A. Seitz, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Denise Ellen O'Donnell, of New York, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice As-

sistance, both of the Department of Justice, 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 Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, and Credit, hearing on credit conditions in rural America, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, Public Witness Days, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on U.S. Supreme Court—FY 2012 Budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Labor Enforcement Programs, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies, Public Witness Day, 10:30 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing to receive testimony from Members on their national defense priorities for the fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization bill, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on accountability at Arlington National Cemetery, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on Examining the Department of Labor's Implementation of the Davis-Bacon Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing "Warning: The Growing Danger of Prescription Drug Diversion," 8 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing on H.R. 1391, the Recycling Coal Combustion Residuals Accessibility Act of 2011, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Understanding the Implications and Consequences of the Proposed Rule on Risk Retention," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Financial Stability Oversight Council," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1016, Assessing Progress in Haiti Act; H.R. 1280, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to require congressional approval of agreements for peaceful nuclear cooperation with foreign countries, and for other purposes; H.R. 515, Belarus Democracy Reauthorization Act of 2011; and H.R. 1326, Furthering International Nuclear Safety Act of 2011, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.



Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, hearing on the State Department's Counterterrorism Office: Budget, Reorganization, Policies, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, hearing on Budget Oversight: Examining the President's 2012 Budget Request for Europe and Eurasia, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn. Testimony was heard from Daniel Rosenblum, Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia, Bureau of Central and South Asian Affairs, Department of State; Susan Elliot, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; Paige Alexander, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Nisha Biswal, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies, markup on H.R. 901, the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Security Authorization Act of 2011, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, Subcommittee on Elections, hearing on H.R. 672, to terminate the Election Assistance Commission, and for other purposes, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, April 14, full Committee, markup on H.R. 1249, the America Invents Act, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "State and Municipal Debt: Tough Choices Ahead", 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on Nanotechnology: Oversight of the National Nanotechnology Initiative and Priorities for the Future, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade, hearing entitled "Drilling for a Solution: Finding Ways to Curtail the Crushing Effect of High Gas Prices on Small Business," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled "Richard H. Poff Federal Building Renovation: Is it Costing the Taxpayer Too Much?" 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on the Social Security Administration's (SSA's) role in verifying employment eligibility, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, April 14, Full Committee, hearing on FY 2012 Budget—Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

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**Program for Thursday:** Senate will be in a period of morning business, with the time until 2 p.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; following which, when the Senate receives papers from the House of Representatives, with respect to the continuing resolution and two correcting resolutions, Senate will proceed to 3 rollcall votes.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 1473—Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, H. Con. Res. 35—Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1473, and H. Con. Res. 36—Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1473 (Subject to a Rule). Begin consideration of H. Con. Res. 34—Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2012 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2021 (Subject to a Rule).

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