

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3787–S3849

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1197–1212, and S. Res. 208. **Pages S3812–13**

Measures Passed:

United States and Mongolia Growing Partnership: Senate agreed to S. Res. 208, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Mongolian President Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj's visit to Washington, DC, and its support for the growing partnership between the United States and Mongolia. **Pages S3848–49**

Measures Considered:

Economic Development Revitalization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 782, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S3847**

Pending:

DeMint Amendment No. 394, to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. **Page S3847**

Paul Amendment No. 414, to implement the President's request to increase the statutory limit on the public debt. **Page S3847**

Cardin Amendment No. 407, to require the FHA to equitably treat homebuyers who have repaid in full their FHA-insured mortgages. **Page S3847**

Merkley/Snowe Amendment No. 428, to establish clear regulatory standards for mortgage servicers. **Page S3847**

Kohl Amendment No. 389, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal. **Page S3847**

Hutchison Amendment No. 423, to delay the implementation of the health reform law in the United States until there is final resolution in pending lawsuits. **Page S3847**

Portman Amendment No. 417, to provide for the inclusion of independent regulatory agencies in the application of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.). **Page S3847**

Portman Amendment No. 418, to amend the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) to strengthen the economic impact analyses for major rules, require agencies to analyze the effect of major rules on jobs, and require adoption of the least burdensome regulatory means. **Page S3847**

McCain Amendment No. 411, to prohibit the use of Federal funds to construct ethanol blender pumps or ethanol storage facilities. **Page S3847**

McCain Amendment No. 412, to repeal the wage rate requirements commonly known as the Davis-Bacon Act. **Page S3847**

Merkley Amendment No. 440, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an Energy Efficiency Loan Program under which the Secretary shall make funds available to States to support financial assistance provided by qualified financing entities for making qualified energy efficiency or renewable efficiency improvements. **Page S3847**

Coburn Modified Amendment No. 436, to repeal the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit. **Page S3847**

Brown (MA)/Snowe Amendment No. 405, to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities. **Page S3847**

Inhofe Amendment No. 430, to reduce amounts authorized to be appropriated. **Page S3847**

Inhofe Amendment No. 438, to provide for the establishment of a committee to assess the effects of certain Federal regulatory mandates. **Page S3847**

Merkley Amendment No. 427, to make a technical correction to the HUBZone designation process. **Page S3847**

McCain Amendment No. 441 (to Coburn Modified Amendment No. 436), to prohibit the use of Federal funds to construct ethanol blender pumps or ethanol storage facilities. **Page S3847**

Reid (for Feinstein/Coburn) Amendment No. 476, to repeal the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit. **Page S3847**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 16, 2011; that Reid (for Feinstein/Coburn) Amendment No.

476 (listed above), and McCain Amendment No. 411 (listed above), be debated concurrently; that there be up to 4 hours of debate, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments in the following order: Reid (for Feinstein/Coburn) No. 476; and McCain Amendment No. 411; provided further, that neither of the amendments be divisible; that there be no amendments, points of order or motions in order to either amendment prior to the votes other than budget points of order and the applicable motions to waive; that both amendments be subject to a 60 vote threshold; and that upon disposition of the McCain amendment, the Majority Leader be recognized.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:03 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3849.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the "Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act" and implementation of Title VII one year later, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Michael S. Gibson, Senior Associate Director, Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Brooksley Born, former Commissioner, Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, and former Chairperson, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Daniel J. Roth, National Futures Association, and Adam Cooper, Citadel LLC, on behalf of Managed Funds Association, both of Chicago, Illinois; and Charles Conner, National Council of Farm-

er Cooperatives, and John M. Damgard, Futures Industry Association, both of Washington, DC.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Gates, Secretary, and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2012.

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee began consideration of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2012, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, June 16, 2011.

ENHANCING SAFETY AND SOUNDNESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine enhancing safety and soundness, focusing on lessons learned and opportunities for continued improvement, after receiving testimony from Michael R. Foley, Senior Associate Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Christopher J. Spoth, Senior Deputy Director, Division of Risk Management Supervision, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; David K. Wilson, Deputy Comptroller, Credit and Market Risk, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; Salvatore Marranca, Cattaraugus County Bank, Little Valley, New York, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; and Frank A. Suellentrop, Legacy Bank, Colwich, Kansas.

CLEAN AIR ACT AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the "Clean Air Act" and public health, after receiving testimony from Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency; Sarah Bucic, Delaware City, on behalf of the American Nurses

Association (ANA), and the Delaware Nurses Association; Jerome A. Paulson, on behalf of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and Cathy S. Woollums, MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company, both of Washington, D.C.; M. Harvey Brenner, University of North Texas Health Science Center School of Public Health, Fort Worth; and Alfred Munzer, Washington Adventist Hospital, Takoma Park, Maryland, on behalf of American Thoracic Society (ATS).

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jennifer A. Di Toro, Donna Mary Murphy, and Yvonne M. Williams, all to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominees, who were all intro-

duced by Representative Norton, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SOUTHWEST BORDER SECURITY

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine the continued construction of illegal tunnels on the southwest border of the United States and the role these tunnels may play in the transport of drugs, weapons and human beings, after receiving testimony from James A. Dinkins, Executive Associate Director, Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Tim Durst, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement San Diego, both of the Department of Homeland Security; and Laura E. Duffy, U.S. Attorney, Southern District of California, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 2182–2203; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 306–308 were introduced. **Pages H4276–78**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4278–79**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Nugent to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4189**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:23 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4198**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Phil Hoskins, Higher Ground Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tennessee. **Page H4198**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:34 p.m. and reconvened at 1:03 p.m. **Page H4202**

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 2112, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, June 14th.

Pages H4202–74

Agreed to:

Sessions amendment that was debated on June 14th that strikes the proviso on page 3, beginning

on line 22, relating to FAIR Act or Circular A–76 activities (by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 421); **Pages H4225–26**

Farr amendment that was debated on June 14th that increases funding, by offset, for the Agricultural Marketing Service by \$300,000 (by a recorded vote of 352 ayes to 70 noes, Roll No. 422);

Pages H4226–27

Kingston amendment that reduces each amount made available by titles I through VI (other than an amount required to be made available by a provision of law) by 0.78 percent; **Page H4240**

Young (AK) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to approve any application submitted under section 512 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for approval of genetically engineered salmon; **Page H4240**

Royce amendment (No. 24 printed in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2011) that prohibits funds from being used to provide assistance under title II of the Food for Peace Act to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea);

Pages H4245–46

Chaffetz amendment (No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13, 2011) that prohibits funds from being used to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel who provide nonrecourse marketing assistance loans for mohair under section 1201 for the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008; and

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Engel amendment that prohibits funds from being used under this Act to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles, for any executive fleet, or for an agency's fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential Memorandum—Federal Fleet Performance, dated May 24, 2011. **Page H4268**

Rejected:

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13, 2011) that sought to reduce funding for the Watershed Rehabilitation Program by \$15 million and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H4202–04**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13, 2011) that sought to reduce funding for Rural Housing Assistance Grants by \$20,480,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H4205–07**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13, 2011) that sought to reduce by half the number of passenger motor vehicles purchased by the Department of Agriculture; **Pages H4219–22**

DeLauro amendment that was debated on June 14th that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition by \$1 million (by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 420); **Page H4225**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13, 2011) that was debated on June 14th that sought to reduce funding for Agricultural Buildings and Facilities and Rental Payments by \$20,900,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 120 ayes to 304 noes, Roll No. 423); **Page H4227**

Chaffetz amendment that was debated on June 14th that sought to reduce funding for the Economic Research Service by \$43 million; reduce funding for the National Agricultural Statistics Service by \$85 million; reduce funding for the Agricultural Research Service by \$650 million; reduce funding for Food for Peace Title II Grants by \$1,040,198,000 and to apply \$1,818,198,000 to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 83 ayes to 338 noes, Roll No. 424); **Pages H4227–28**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13, 2011) that was debated on June 14th that sought to reduce funding for the Economic Research Service by \$7 million and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 125 ayes to 298 noes, Roll No. 425); **Pages H4228–29**

Clarke (MI) amendment that was debated on June 14th that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Agricultural Marketing Service by \$1 million (by a recorded vote of 142 ayes to 282 noes, Roll No. 426); **Page H4229**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13, 2011) that was debated on June 14th that sought to reduce funding for the Agricultural Marketing Service by \$7,750,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 107 ayes to 318 noes, Roll No. 427); **Pages H4229–30**

Richardson amendment that was debated on June 14th that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Commodity Assistance Program by \$10 million (by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 428); **Pages H4230–31**

Gosar amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Multi-Family Housing Revitalization Program and the Rural Business Program by \$100 million each (by a recorded vote of 139 ayes to 285 noes, Roll No. 429); **Page H4231**

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children by \$604 million and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 64 ayes to 360 noes, Roll No. 430); **Pages H4207–08, H4231–32**

Foxx amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children by \$82,500,000 million and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 119 ayes to 306 noes, Roll No. 431); **Pages H4232–33**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13, 2011) that sought to reduce funding for the Foreign Agricultural Service by \$175 million and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 99 ayes to 324 noes, Roll No. 432); **Pages H4210–13, H4233**

Gosar amendment that sought to reduce Food for Peace Title II Grants by \$100 million and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 124 ayes to 300 noes, Roll No. 433); **Pages H4204–05, H4233–34**

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce Food for Peace Title II Grants by \$940,198,000 and apply the savings to the Spending Reduction Account (by a recorded vote of 108 ayes to 316 noes, Roll No. 434); **Pages H4213–15, H4234–35**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13, 2011) that sought to eliminate the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program Grants and apply the savings of \$180 million to the Spending Reduction Account (by a recorded vote of 120 ayes to 303 noes, Roll No. 435); **Pages H4215–17, H4235**

Stearns amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Center for Tobacco Products by \$392 million

and apply the savings to the Spending Reduction Account (by a recorded vote of 164 ayes to 257 noes, Roll No. 436); and **Pages H4217–19, H4235–36**

Chaffetz amendment (No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13, 2011) that sought to prohibit funds from being used to make payments for the storage of cotton under section 1204(g) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 or for the storage of peanuts under section 1307(a) of such Act. **Pages H4256–57**

Withdrawn:

Foxx amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13, 2011) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have reduced the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children by \$82,500,000 and applied the savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H4208–10**

Lummis amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have amended section 739 of the bill; **Pages H4222–24**

Woolsey amendment (No. 20 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13, 2011) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used to carry out the directive in the committee report instructing the Food and Nutrition Service to issue a new proposed rule on implementing new national nutrition standards for the school breakfast and school lunch programs in the report of the Committee on Appropriations to accompany H.R. 2112 of the 112th Congress; and **Page H4245**

Clarke (MI) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have transferred \$7,700,000 for assistance for Afghanistan to H.R. 2112 under the heading “Agricultural Marketing Services, Marketing Services.” **Pages H4269–70**

Point of Order sustained against:

Section 740 of the bill; **Page H4238**

Section 741 of the bill; **Page H4238**

Section 743 of the bill; and **Page H4239**

Section 744 of the bill. **Page H4239**

Proceedings Postponed:

Pingree amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used (1) to provide electronic notifications to the Committee on Agriculture on travel relating to any “know your farmer, know your food” initiatives or (2) in contravention of the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative priority research area specified in subsection (b)(2)(F) of the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act; **Pages H4241–42**

Foxx amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13, 2011) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to support any Know

Your Farmer, Know Your Food initiative of the Department of Agriculture; **Pages H4242–45**

Kind amendment (No. 25 printed in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2011) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to provide payments to the Brazil Cotton Institute; **Pages H4246–53**

Dingell amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for the Food and Drug Administration by \$49 million; **Pages H4253–56**

Jackson Lee amendment that seeks to increase, by offset, funding for the Office of the Secretary by \$5 million; **Pages H4257–59**

Gibson amendment (No. 23 printed in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2011) that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for broadband loans by \$6 million; **Pages H4259–63**

Blumenauer amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13, 2011) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel of the Department of Agriculture to provide benefits described in the Food Security Act of 1985 to a person or legal entity in excess of \$125,000; **Pages H4263–67**

King (IA) amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to make payments under section 201 of the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 or section 14012 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008; **Pages H4267–68**

King (IA) amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used for mifepristone, commonly known as RU-486, for any purpose; **Pages H4268–69**

Garrett amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to promulgate any final rules under paragraphs (13) or (14) of section 2(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as added by section 727 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; **Pages H4270–71**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 29 printed in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2011) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used in contravention of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008; **Pages H4271–72**

Scalise amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to implement the Departmental Regulation of the Department of Agriculture entitled “Policy Statement on Climate Change Adaptation”; **Page H4272**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 28 printed in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2011) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used in contravention of section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act; and **Pages H4272–73**

Hirono amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for preventive measures authorized under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act

and the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act by \$3 million. **Page H4274**

H. Res. 300, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, June 14th.

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the tornado that struck Joplin, Missouri on May 22, 2011. **Page H4225**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Fleischmann, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Small Business. **Page H4239**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:05 p.m. **Page H4239**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow. **Page H4274**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4279.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seventeen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4225, H4226, H4226–27, H4227, H4228, H4228–29, H4229, H4230, H4230–31, H4231, H4231–32, H4232–33, H4233, H4233–34, H4234–35, H4235, and H4235–36. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:28 a.m. on Thursday, June 16th.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup of the Energy and Water Appropriations bill, FY 2012. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 1217, to prohibit the Department of Education from overreaching into academic affairs and program eligibility under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a markup of H.R. 1938, the North American-Made Energy Security Act, the bill was forwarded without amendment.

GREATER PROTECTION FOR SENSITIVE CONSUMER DATA AND TIMELY NOTIFICATION IN CASE OF BREACH

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing

on legislation to require greater protection for sensitive consumer data and timely notification in case of breach. Testimony was heard from Edith Ramirez, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission, and public witnesses.

PPACA'S EFFECTS ON MAINTAINING HEALTH COVERAGE AND JOBS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health continued a hearing from June 2, entitled "PPACA's Effects on Maintaining Health Coverage and Jobs: A Review of the Health Care Law's Regulatory Burden." Testimony was heard from Steve Larsen, Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

GLOBAL MARITIME PIRACY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing on Global Maritime Piracy: Fueling Terrorism, Harming Trade. Testimony was heard from Andrew J. Shapiro, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State; William F. Wechsler, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Counter-narcotics and Global Threats, Department of Defense.

THREAT OF MUSLIM-AMERICAN RADICALIZATION IN U.S. PRISONS

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Threat of Muslim-American Radicalization in U.S. Prisons." Testimony was heard from Michael P. Downing, Commanding Officer, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau, LAPD, Patrick T. Dunleavy, retired Deputy Inspector General, Criminal Intelligence Unit, New York State Department of Correctional Services; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement held a hearing on legislation regarding the Legal Workforce Act. Testimony was heard from Rep. Calvert; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup of H. J. Res. 1, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 295, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to

authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes; H.R. 320, the Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act; H.R. 441, the Kantishna Hills Renewable Energy Act of 2010; H.R. 470, the Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011; H.R. 489, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes; H.R. 643, the Sugar Loaf Fire Protection District Land Exchange Act; H.R. 670, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands; H.R. 686, the Utah National Guard Readiness Act; H.R. 765, the Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act of 2011; H.R. 944, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1022, Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act; H.R. 1141, the Rota Cultural and Natural Resources Study Act; H.R. 1160, the McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act; and S. 266, to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge. The following bills were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 295, H.R. 320, H.R. 470, H.R. 489, H.R. 670, H.R. 765, H.R. 944, H.R. 1022, H.R. 1141, H.R. 1160, and S. 266. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 441, H.R. 643, and H.R. 686.

OPERATION FAST AND FURIOUS: RECKLESS DECISIONS, TRAGIC OUTCOMES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Operation Fast and Furious: Reckless Decisions, Tragic Outcomes." Testimony was heard from Sen. Grassley, John Dodson, Special Agent, Phoenix Field Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; Olindo "Lee" Casa, Special Agent, Phoenix Field Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; Peter Forcelli, Group Supervisor, Phoenix Field Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; Ronald Weich, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

POSTAL INFRASTRUCTURE: HOW MUCH CAN WE AFFORD

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy held a hearing entitled "Postal Infrastructure: How Much Can We Afford?" Testimony was heard from David E. Williams, Vice President, Network Operations Management, United States Postal Service; Phillip Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

DOE'S CLEAN TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on An Examination of DOE's Clean Technology Programs. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Energy witnesses: Arun Majumdar, Acting Under Secretary for Energy, and Director, Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy; Henry Kelly, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and David Frantz, Director, Loan Guarantee Program Office.

GROWING JOBS BY REDUCING REGULATORY BURDENS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Lifting the Weight of Regulations: Growing Jobs by Reducing Regulatory Burdens." The focus of the hearing was on the following bills: H.R. 527, the Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2011; and H.R. 585, the Small Business Size Standard Flexibility Act of 2011. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, closed business meeting to continue markup of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2012, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings to examine credit unions, focusing on member business lending, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings to examine S. 343, to amend Title I of PL 99-658 regarding the Compact of Free Association between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Palau, to approve the results of the 15-year review of the Compact, including the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America

and the Government of the Republic of Palau Following the Compact of Free Association Section 432 Review, and to appropriate funds for the purposes of the amended PL 99-658 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2024, to carry out the agreements resulting from that review, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, with the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold a joint oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's preliminary results of the nuclear safety review in the United States following the emergency at Fukushima Daiichi power plant in Japan, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold an oversight hearing to examine achieving the policy goals of the "Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act" (NAGPRA), 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting to consider S. 1103, to extend the term of the incumbent Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, S. 978, to amend the criminal penalty provision for criminal infringement of a copyright, S. 1145, to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the United States, and the nominations of Steve Six, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Marina Garcia Marmolejo, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Michael Charles Green, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, Wilma Antoinette Lewis, of the District of Columbia, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands, Major General Marilyn A. Quagliotti, USAF (Ret.), of Virginia, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, and Thomas Gray Walker, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Charles F. Salina, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of New York, Robert William Mathieson, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Juan Mattos Jr., to be United States Marshal for the District of New Jersey, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, to hold hearings to examine Small Business Administration programs, focusing on eliminating inefficiencies, duplications, fraud and abuse, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

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

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Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Financial Services, markup of the Financial Services Appropriations bill, FY 2012, 10:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Is OSHA Undermining State Efforts to Promote Workplace Safety?" 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Economy, markup of H.R. 1391, the Recycling Coal Combustion Residuals Accessibility Act of 2011. 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "The American Energy Initiative." This hearing will focus on pipeline safety oversight. 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Financial Regulatory Reform: The International Context." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing on Why Taiwan Matters, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing on Africa's Newest Nation: The Republic of South Sudan, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled "Modernizing Information Delivery in the House." 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on legislation regarding the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska Access Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing on STEM Education In Action: Learning Today . . . Leading Tomorrow, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Capital Access and Tax, hearing entitled "The Dodd-Frank Act: Impact on Small Business Lending." 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled "The Securities and Exchange Commission's \$500 Million Fleecing of America." 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on improving programs designed to protect youth at risk of abuse and neglect, 9 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing on United States Involvement in Libya, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

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10 a.m., Thursday, June 16

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Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 782, Economic Development Revitalization Act, with two roll call votes on or in relation to Reid (for Feinstein/Coburn) Amendment No. 476 and McCain Amendment No. 411, at approximately 2 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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