

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3981–S4036

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1244–1261, and S.J. Res. 21. **Pages S4023–24**

Measures Reported:

S. 618, to promote the strengthening of the private sector in Egypt and Tunisia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–25)

S. 1253, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. (S. Rept. No. 112–26)

S. 1254, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

S. 1255, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military construction.

S. 1256, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for defense activities of the Department of Energy. **Page S4023**

Measures Considered:

Presidential Appointment Efficiency and Streamlining Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 679, to reduce the number of executive positions subject to Senate confirmation, after agreeing to the motion to proceed and agreeing to the committee-reported amendment, which will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3991–S4019**

Pending:

DeMint Amendment No. 501, to repeal the authority to provide certain loans to the International Monetary Fund, the increase in the United States quota to the Fund, and certain other related authorities, and rescind related appropriated amounts. **Page S4008**

DeMint Amendment No. 510, to strike the provision relating to the Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics. **Page S4008**

DeMint Amendment No. 511, to enhance accountability and transparency among various Executive agencies. **Page S4008**

Vitter Amendment No. 499, to end the appointments of presidential Czars who have not been subject to the advice and consent of the Senate and to prohibit funds for any salaries and expenses for appointed Czars. **Pages S4008–09**

Coburn Amendment No. 500, to prevent the creation of duplicative and overlapping Federal programs. **Pages S4010–11**

Portman Amendment No. 509, to provide that the provisions relating to the Assistant Secretary (Comptroller) of the Navy, the Assistant Secretary (Comptroller) of the Army, and the Assistant Secretary (Comptroller) of the Air Force, the chief financial officer positions, and the Controller of the Office of Management and Budget shall not take effect. **Pages S4016–18**

Cornyn Amendment No. 504, to strike the provisions relating to the Comptroller of the Army, the Comptroller of the Navy, and the Comptroller of the Air Force. **Pages S4018–19**

Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, was vitiated. **Page S3991**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that no amendment offered to the bill be divisible; provided further, that the Vitter and DeMint amendments be subject to a 60 vote threshold and the Coburn amendment be subject to a two-thirds vote threshold; and that upon the disposition of amendments, Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended; that the vote on passage be subject to a 60 vote threshold; and if the bill does not achieve 60 affirmative votes on passage, the bill be returned to the calendar; and that upon disposition of the bill, Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 116, to provide for expedited Senate consideration of certain nominations subject to advice and consent; that only relevant amendments be in order; and that upon disposition of the

amendments to S. Res. 116, Senate vote on adoption of S. Res. 116 as amended, if amended.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached provided for further consideration of the bill at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 23, 2011; that Vitter Amendment No. 499 (listed above) and DeMint Amendment No. 510 (listed above) be debated concurrently; that there be up to 30 minutes of debate, with Senators Vitter, DeMint, Reid, or designee, and McConnell, or designee, each controlling 7½ minutes; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to Vitter Amendment No. 499 and DeMint Amendment No. 510, in that order; that there be no amendments, motions, or points of order in order to either amendment prior to the votes, other than budget points of order and the applicable motions to waive; and that the provisions of the previous order regarding amendments remain in effect.

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Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority and Republican Leaders, Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of James Michael Cole, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Virginia A. Seitz, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General; that there be two hours for debate concurrently on the nominations equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; that no further motions be in order to the nominations.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Brian T. Baenig, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Mary Beth Leonard, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali.

Margaret Bartley, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of fifteen years.

Gloria Wilson Shelton, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of fifteen years.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:24 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4035.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense received testimony from sundry public witnesses requesting funding for programs in the Department of Defense appropriations bill for fiscal year 2012.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SYSTEM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preventing overpayments and eliminating fraud in the unemployment insurance system, after receiving testimony from Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training; Kristen Cox, Utah Department of Workforce Services Executive Director, Salt Lake City; Paul Trause, Washington State Employment Security Commissioner, Olympia; and Michael Cullen, On Point Technology, Inc., Oak Brook, Illinois.

SECURING RAIL AND TRANSIT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the next steps for securing rail and transit, after receiving testimony from John S. Pistole, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Peter Boynton, Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Commissioner, Hartford; and Stephen E. Flynn, Center for National Policy, Washington, D.C.

DIABETES RESEARCH

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine transforming lives through diabetes research, after receiving testimony from Griffin Rodgers, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and

Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health, and Charles Zimlik, Chair, Artificial Pancreas Critical Path Initiative, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Kevin Kline, New York, New York, Caroline Jacobs, Shapleigh, Maine, Jack Schmittlein, Avon, Connecticut, Kerry Morgan, Glen Allen, Virginia, and Jonathan Platt, Tarzana, California, all of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Children's Congress.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine intellectual property law enforcement efforts, including S. 968, to prevent online threats to economic creativity and theft of intellectual property, S. 978, to amend the criminal penalty provision for criminal infringement of a copyright, S. 678, to increase the penalties for economic espionage, and S. 1228, to prohibit trafficking in counterfeit military goods or services, after receiving testimony Victoria A. Espinel, Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President; Jason

M. Weinstein, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, and Gordon M. Snow, Assistant Director, Cyber Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; and Allen Gina, Assistant Commissioner, Office of International Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and Erik Barnett, Assistant Deputy Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Christopher Droney, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Lieberman, Robert David Mariani, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Cathy Bissoon, and Mark Raymond Hornak, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, who were all introduced by Senators Casey and Toomey, and Robert N. Scola, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, who was introduced by Senators Nelson (FL) and Rubio, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 2269–2304; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 68–69; and H. Res. 321–326 were introduced.

Pages H4455–57

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H4459–60

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology; First Semiannual Report of Activities (H. Rept. 112–112) and;

H. Res. 320, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2219) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–113). **Page H4455**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4369**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:19 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m. **Page H4375**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Joe Pool, First United Methodist Church, Rockwall, Texas. **Page H4375**

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, June 21st:

Election Support Consolidation and Efficiency Act: H.R. 672, amended, to terminate the Election Assistance Commission, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 235 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 466. **Pages H4392–93**

Jobs and Energy Permitting Act of 2011: The House passed H.R. 2021, to amend the Clean Air Act regarding air pollution from Outer Continental Shelf activities, by a recorded vote of 253 yeas to 166 noes, Roll No. 478. **Pages H4378–92, H4393–H4420**

Rejected the Keating 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 177 yeas to 245 noes, Roll No. 477. **Pages H4418–19**

Rejected:

Speier amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–111) that sought to strike section 2 of the bill (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 467);

Pages H4401–02, H4411–12

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–111) that sought to direct emission sources from the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) to title I of the Clean Air Act, ensuring that the vessels often responsible for the majority of the OCS's emission sources are not left unregulated (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 468);

Pages H4402–03, H4412–13

Welch amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–111) that sought to require all permit applications to include data on federal oil subsidies received by the company applying for the permit (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 469);

Pages H4403–04, H4413

Keating amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–111) that sought to require that all completed applications include data on bonuses provided to the executives of the applicant from the most recent quarter (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 470);

Pages H4404, H4413–14

Rush amendment (No. 5 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–111) that sought to allow the Administrator to provide additional 30-day extensions if the Administrator determines that such time is necessary to meet the requirements of this section, to provide adequate time for public participation, or to ensure sufficient involvement by one or more affected States (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 253 noes, Roll No. 471);

Pages H4404–05, H4414–15

Quigley amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–111) that sought to strike underlying text that eliminates the ability of the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) to remand or deny the issuance of Clean Air Act permits for offshore energy exploration and extraction (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 251 noes, Roll No. 472);

Pages H4405–06, H4415

Eshoo amendment (No. 7 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–111) that sought to preserve access to local courts by striking a provision which requires permit decisions to be litigated in the DC Circuit in Washington, DC (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 473);

Pages H4406–07, H4415–16

Capps amendment (No. 8 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–111) that sought to preserve state authority over OCS sources where states have been delegated authority to issue air permits for offshore drilling activities (by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 474);

Pages H4407–09, H4416

Hochul amendment (No. 9 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–111) that sought to require a report that details how the amendments made by this Act

are projected to increase oil and gas production and lower energy prices for consumers (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 475); and

Pages H4409–10, H4416–17

Schrader amendment (No. 10 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–111) that sought to prohibit any permits issued under the Clean Air Act for oil or natural gas drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) off the coast of Oregon (by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 476).

Pages H4410–11, H4417–18

H. Res. 316, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2021) and (H.R. 1249), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 465, after the previous question was ordered by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 464.

Pages H4378–92

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 316 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 189 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 463.

Pages H4379–81

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Castor, wherein she resigned from the Committee on Armed Services.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 321, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives.

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America Invents Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 1249, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 23rd.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Proceedings Postponed:

Smith (TX) Manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–111) that seeks to make technical edits and necessary changes to more substantive issues, such as prior user rights and an additional oversight requirement for the PTO.

Pages H4448–52

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4460–61.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and fourteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4381, H4391, H4392, H4392–93, H4411–12, H4412–13, H4413, H4413–14, H4414, H4415, H4415–16, H4416, H4417, H4417–18, H4419, H4419–20. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a markup of the First Semiannual Report on the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services for the 112th Congress. The First Semiannual Report on the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services for the 112th Congress was agreed to without amendment.

TERRORIST THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the evolution of the terrorist threat. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 2218, the “Empowering Parents through Quality Charter Schools Act”; and the Report on the Activities of the Committee on Education and Workforce for the First Quarter of the 112th Congress. H.R. 2218 was ordered reported without amendment. The Report on the Activities of the Committee on Education and Workforce for the First Quarter of the 112th Congress was agreed to without amendment.

MEDICARE: SECONDARY PAYER REGIME

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Protecting Medicare with Improvements to the Secondary Payer Regime.” Testimony was heard from Deborah Taylor, Director of Financial Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; James Cosgrove, Director, Health Care, GAO; and public witnesses.

REFORMING FCC PROCESS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing en-

titled “Reforming FCC Process.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup on the Report on the Activity of the Committee on Financial Services for the 112th Congress; H.R. 2072, the “Securing American Jobs Through Exports Act of 2011”; H.R. 1070, the “Small Company Capital Formation Act of 2011”; H.R. 1082, the “Small Business Capital Access and Job Preservation Act”; H.R. 33, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to specify when certain securities issued in connection with church plans are treated as exempted securities for purposes of that Act; H.R. 1062, the “Burdensome Data Collection Relief Act”; and H.R. 940, the “United States Covered Bond Act of 2011.” The following were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 33; and H.R. 1062. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1082; H.R. 2072; H.R. 1070; and H.R. 940. The Semiannual Report on the Activity of the Committee on Financial Services was agreed to without amendment.

PIERCING BURMA’S VEIL OF SECRECY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Piercing Burma’s Veil of Secrecy: The Truth Behind the Sham Election and the Difficult Road Ahead. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup of the following: the Committee Activity Report for the First Quarter of the 112th Congress; and H.R. 901, the “Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Security Authorization Act of 2011.” H.R. 901 was ordered reported as amended. The Committee Activity Report for the First Quarter of the 112th Congress was agreed to without amendment.

OUTDOOR RECREATION ON PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing entitled “Opportunities for Outdoor Recreation on Public Lands.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 1158, to authorize the conveyance of mineral rights by the Secretary of the Interior in the State of Montana, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1560, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and

Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe. Testimony was heard from Rep. Rehberg; Rep. Reyes; Jodi Gillette, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup on the following: H.R. 2146, the “DATA Act”; H.R. 1974, the “Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act”; H.R. 2061, the “Civilian Service Recognition Act of 2011”; H.R. 789, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Main Street in Little Ferry, New Jersey, as the “Sergeant Matthew J. Fenton Post Office”; H.R. 1843, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 489 Army Drive in Barrigada, Guam, as the “John Pangelinan Gerber Post Office Building”; H.R. 1975, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 281 East Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena, California, as the “First Lieutenant Oliver Goodall Post Office Building”; H.R. 2062, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45 Meetinghouse Lane in Sagamore Beach, Massachusetts, as the “Matthew A. Pucino Post Office”; H.R. 2149, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4354 Paha Avenue in Honolulu, Hawaii, as the “Cecil L. Heftel Post Office Building”; H.R. 2213, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Eastport Street in Iuka, Mississippi, as the “Sergeant Jason W. Vaughn Post Office”; H.R. 2244, a bill to designate the facility at the United States Postal Service located at 67 Castle Street in Geneva, New York, as the “Corporal Steven Blaine Riccione Post Office”; and the Activity Report of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2146; H.R. 1974; and H.R. 2061. The following were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 789; H.R. 1843; H.R. 1975; H.R. 2062; H.R. 2149; H.R. 2213; and H.R. 2244. The Activity Report of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform was agreed to without amendment.

GENERAL MOTORS BAILOUT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight, and Government Spending held a hearing entitled, “Last Implications of the General Motors Bailout.” Testimony was heard from Ron Bloom, former Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Treas-

ury; Vincent Snowbarger, Deputy Director for Operations, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; and public witnesses.

CHANGING ROLE OF FDIC

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services, and the Bailout of Public and Private Programs held a hearing entitled “The Changing Role of the FDIC.” Testimony was heard from Sheila Bair, Chairman, FDIC.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012; AND MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2219, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2012. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of Rule XXI. Under the Rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule establishes a standing order of the House, which prohibits consideration of an amendment to a general appropriation bill proposing both a decrease in an appropriation designated as costs of the Global War on Terror pursuant to section 301 of House Concurrent Resolution 34 and an increase in an appropriation not so designated, or vice versa. Testimony was heard from Rep. Young of Florida; and Rep. Dicks.

Also, the Committee on Rules constituted, by voice vote, its subcommittees as follows: Legislative and Budget Process: Mr. Sessions, chairman; Ms. Foxx; Mr. Woodall; Mr. Webster; Mr. Dreier; Mr. McGovern, ranking member; and Ms. Slaughter. Rules and Organization of the House: Mr. Nugent, chairman; Mr. Bishop of Utah; Mr. Scott of South Carolina; Mr. Dreier; Mr. Hastings of Florida, ranking member; Mr. Polis. Pursuant to clause 1(d) of Rule XI, the Committee ordered reported by voice vote its semiannual report on activities of the Committee for the first quarter of the 112th Congress.

NOAA’S CLIMATE SERVICE PROPOSAL; AND MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing on Examining NOAA’s Climate Service Proposal. Testimony was heard from Jane Lubchenco, Administrator, NOAA; and Robert

Winokur, Deputy Oceanographer, Department of the Navy.

Prior to the start of the hearing there was a markup. The 1st Semiannual Report of the Activities of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology was agreed to without amendment.

STATE OF SMALL BUSINESS ACCESS TO CAPITAL AND CREDIT

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The State of Small Business Access to Capital and Credit: The View from Secretary Geithner.” Testimony was heard from Timothy Geithner, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 1073, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse”; H.R. 1264, to designate the property between the United States Federal Courthouse and the Ed Jones Building located at 109 South Highland Avenue in Jackson, Tennessee, as the “M.D. Anderson Plaza” and to authorize the placement of a historical/identification marker on the grounds recognizing the achievements and philanthropy of M.D. Anderson; H.R. 1791, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the “Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse”; H.R. 2018, the “Clean Water Cooperative Federalism Act of 2011”; and the Summary of Legislative and Oversight Activities Committee Report. The following were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 1073; H.R. 1264; and H.R. 1791. The following was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2018. The Summary of Legislative and Oversight Activities Committee Report was agreed to without amendment.

COMPETITION FOR INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL IN AMERICA

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing on the Committee print “Competition for Intercity Passenger Rail in America.” Testimony was heard from Joseph Boardman, President and CEO, Amtrak; and public witnesses.

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF THE FEDERAL HOSPITAL INSURANCE AND FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL INSURANCE TRUST FUNDS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the recently released 2011 Annual Report of the Boards of Trustees of the Fed-

eral Hospital Insurance and Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

MANUFACTURING IN THE UNITED STATES

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine manufacturing in the United States, focusing on why we need a national manufacturing strategy, after receiving testimony from Senator Stabenow; Representative Charles Bass; Mark Zandi, Moody’s Analytics, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Alex M. Brill, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, Jay Timmons, National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), and Scott Paul, Alliance for American Manufacturing, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Joint Committee on the Library: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 112th Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Joint Committee on Printing: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 112th Congress.

ETHNIC TENSION IN KYRGYZSTAN

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine addressing ethnic tension in Kyrgyzstan, focusing on the report of the International Commission of Inquiry into the events in Southern Kyrgyzstan in June 2010, after receiving testimony from Muktar Djumaliev, Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic to the United States; Kimmo Kiljunen, Independent International Commission of Inquiry into the Events in Southern Kyrgyzstan in June 2010, Helsinki, Finland; and Martha Brill Olcott, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Alisher Khamidov, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine farm bill accountability, focusing on the importance of measuring performance, while eliminating duplication and waste, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program, part II, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine U.S. Coast Guard budget and oversight, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 500, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, S. 715, to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects, S. 802, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage and conveyance of nonproject water at the Norman project in Oklahoma, S. 997, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend a water contract between the United States and the East Bench Irrigation District, S. 1033, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, and S. 1047, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to take actions to improve environmental conditions in the vicinity of the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel in Lake County, Colorado, an original bill entitled, "Bureau of Reclamation Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act of 2011", and an original bill entitled, "Fort Sumner Project Title Conveyance Act", 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine health care entitlements, focusing on the road forward, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nominations of William J. Burns, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary, Gary Locke, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, and Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, all of the Department of State; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine evaluating goals and progress in Afghanistan and Pakistan, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs, with the Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs and International Environmental Protection, to hold joint hearings to examine rebuilding Haiti in the Martelly era, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine middle class families, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Federal regulation, focusing on a review of legislative proposals, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the "Indian Reorganization Act" 75 years later, focusing on restoring tribal homelands and promote self-determination, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider 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, an original bill entitled, "Second Chance Reauthorization Act of 2011", and the nominations of Steve Six, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Stephen A. Higginson, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Jane Margaret Triche-Milazzo, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Alison J. Nathan, and Katherine B. Forrest, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Susan Owens Hickey, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, 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 Alfred Cooper Lomax, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Missouri, and David L. McNulty, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of New York, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David H. Petraeus, of New Hampshire, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, meeting to approve the Activity Report of the Committee on Agriculture for the 1st Quarter of the 112th Congress, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review opportunities and benefits of agricultural biotechnology, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Full Committee, markup of the FY 2012 Financial Services Bill and Correction to FY 2012 Energy and Water Bill, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on Recent Developments in Afghanistan and the Proposed Drawdown of U.S. Forces, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Congressional Budget Office's Long-Term Budget Outlook." 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training, hearing entitled "Demanding Accountability in National Service Programs." 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, markup of the following: the Semi-Annual Committee Activity Report; H.R. 1938, the "North American-Made Energy Security Act"; and legislation on the "Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act." 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Reform the Housing Choice Voucher Program." 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology, hearing entitled “Investigating the Gold: H.R. 1495, the Gold Reserve Transparency Act of 2011 and the Oversight of United States Gold Holdings.” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing on Iran and Syria: Next Steps, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn. Prior to the hearing the Committee will meet regarding the Semiannual Committee Report on Legislative Review and Oversight Activities.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing on Global Strategies to Combat the Devastating Health and Economic Impacts of Alzheimer’s Disease, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Preserving Progress: Transitioning Authority and Implementing the Strategic Framework in Iraq, Part 2, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 1741, the “Secure Visas Act”; H.R. 966, the “Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2011”; H.R. 1933, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the requirements for admission of nonimmigrant nurses in health professional shortage areas; H.R. 1932, the “Keep Our Communities Safe Act of 2011”; and the Committee Activities Report. 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 461, the South Utah Valley Electric Conveyance Act; H.R. 795, the Small-Scale Hydropower Enhancement Act of 2011; and H.R. 2060, the Central Oregon Jobs and Water Security Act. 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2170, the Cutting Federal Red Tape to Facilitate Renewable Energy Act; H.R. 2171, the Exploring for Geothermal Energy on Federal

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Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform, hearing entitled “Improving Oversight and Accountability in Federal Grant Programs.” 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “Insourcing Gone Awry: Outsourcing Small Business Jobs.” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup of the Semiannual Report on the Activity of the Committee on Small Business, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation and the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, joint hearing entitled “GPS Reliability: A Review of Aviation Industry Performance, Safety Issues, and Avoiding Potential New and Costly Government Burdens.” 9 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on the importance of foreign direct investment (FDI) to the U.S. economy and how tax reform might affect foreign-headquartered businesses that invest and create jobs in the United States, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Social Security’s current revenue streams, proposed changes to those structures and the impact they would have on the program, beneficiaries, workers and the economy, 1:30 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing on USD(I) Quarterly Update, 10:15 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing. Prior to the hearing at 10 a.m. the Committee will meet to markup the Semiannual Committee Activity Report.

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, June 23

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Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 679, Presidential Appointment Efficiency and Streamlining Act, with two roll call votes on or in relation to Vitter Amendment No. 499 and DeMint Amendment No. 510, at approximately 12 noon.

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