

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4741–S4812

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1395–1405, and S. Res. 234–236. **Page S4802**

Measures Reported:

S. 1228, to prohibit trafficking in counterfeit military goods or services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1231, to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4802**

Measures Passed:

Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation: Senate passed S. 1103, to extend the term of the incumbent Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4779–81**

Reid (for Coburn) Amendment No. 579, to create a new 2-year term of service for the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. **Pages S4780–81**

Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1383, to temporarily preserve higher rates for tuition and fees for programs of education at non-public institutions of higher learning pursued by individuals enrolled in the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs before the enactment of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4809–10**

Whitehouse (for Murray) Amendment No. 580, to improve the bill. **Page S4810**

International Year of Cooperatives: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 87, designating the year of 2012 as the "International Year of Cooperatives", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4810**

Honoring William F. Hildenbrand: Senate agreed to S. Res. 234, relative to the death of William F. Hildenbrand, former Secretary of the Senate. **Pages S4810–11**

Year of the Family Caregiver: Senate agreed to S. Res. 235, designating 2011 as "The Year of the Family Caregiver". **Page S4811**

National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 236, designating September 2011 as National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month. **Page S4811**

Measures Considered:

Cut, Cap, and Balance Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2560, to cut, cap, and balance the Federal budget. **Pages S4743–79, S4781–95**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 9 a.m., on Friday, July 22, 2011, with the time until 10 a.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; provided further, that at 10 a.m., the Majority Leader be recognized. **Page S4812**

Mueller Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that if Robert S. Mueller III, is nominated to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the nomination be placed directly on the Executive Calendar; that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, the Senate proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination; that there be two hours for debate 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 nomination; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Pages S4779–80**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Roslyn Ann Mazer, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

Maureen K. Ohlhausen, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for a term of seven years from September 26, 2011. **Page S4812**

Measures Read the First Time:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late William F. Hildenbrand, Former Secretary of the Senate, in accordance with S. Res. 234, at 8:13 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, July 22, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4812.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Mark P. Wetjen, of Nevada, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Reid, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Raymond T. Odierno, USA for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff, United States Army, and General William M. Fraser III, USAF for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Transportation Command, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

WALL STREET REFORM ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine enhanced

oversight after the financial crisis, focusing on the "Wall Street Reform Act" at one year, after receiving testimony from Representative Frank; Neal S. Wolin, Deputy Secretary, and John Walsh, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, both of the Department of the Treasury; Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, United States Securities and Exchange Commission; Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and Martin J. Gruenberg, Acting Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY PROGRAMS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine making our roads safer, focusing on reauthorization of the Motor Carrier Safety Programs, after receiving testimony from Anne S. Ferro, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Christopher A. Hart, Vice Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Daniel England, C.R. England, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of American Trucking Associations (ATA); Jacqueline S. Gillan, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, Washington, D.C.; and Joe Rajkovic, Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association, Grain Valley, Missouri.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 512, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs to develop and demonstrate 2 small modular nuclear reactor designs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 916, to facilitate appropriate oil and gas development on Federal land and waters, to limit dependence of the United States on foreign sources of oil and gas, with amendments;

Also, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignment for the 112th Congress:

Subcommittee on National Parks: Senators Udall (CO) (Chair), Landrieu, Sanders, Stabenow, Franken, Manchin, Coons, Paul, Barrasso, Coats, Portman, Heller, and Corker.

Senators Bingaman and Murkowski are ex officio members of the subcommittee.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES FOR TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine legislative

issues for transportation reauthorization, after receiving testimony from Susan Martinovich, Nevada Department of Transportation Director, Carson City, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO); Gary Ridley, Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation, Oklahoma City; Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, Los Angeles, California; Terry O'Sullivan, Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), Deron Lovaas, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), and Gregory M. Cohen, American Highway Users Alliance, all of Washington, D.C.; and Donald M. James, Vulcan Materials Company, Birmingham, Alabama.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Sung Y. Kim, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Department of State, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

FOR-PROFIT HIGHER EDUCATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving for-profit higher education, focusing on a roundtable discussion of policy solutions, after receiving testimony from Holly Petraeus, Team Lead, Office of Service Member Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Implementation Team, Department of the Treasury; Michael Barr, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor; Hayes Batson, Regency Beauty Institute, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota; Jose Cruz, Education Trust, and Barmak Nassirian, American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, both of Washington, D.C.; Daniel Hamburger, DeVry Inc., Downers Grove, Illinois; and Robert Shireman, California Competes, San Francisco.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine floods and fires, focusing on emergency preparedness for natural disasters in the native communities, after receiving testimony from Michael S. Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Craig Fugate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Mary Wagner, Associate Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Brigadier General John R. McMahan, Commander, Northwestern Division, Army Corps of En-

gineers, Department of Defense; Randy Grinnell, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Fred Tombar, Senior Advisor for Disaster Recovery, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Walter Dasheno, Santa Clara Pueblo, Espanola, New Mexico.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1231, to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007, with amendments;

S. 27, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market;

S. 1228, to prohibit trafficking in counterfeit military goods or services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Christopher Dronney, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, 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, Robert N. Scola, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Clayton D. Johnson, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Oklahoma, Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

REDUCING DRUG COSTS TO MEDICARE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reducing drug costs to Medicare, after receiving testimony from Jonathan Blum, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Philip J. Rosenfeld, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, Miami, Florida; Anthony P. Adamis, Genentech, Inc., San Francisco, California; Sean Tunis, Center for Medical Technology Policy (CMTP), Baltimore, Maryland; and Lisa Swirsky, Consumers Union, and Scott Gottlieb, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 2605–2622; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 73; H. Con. Res. 66; and H. Res. 362, 364 were introduced. **Pages H5373–74**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5374–75**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 966, to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–174);

H.R. 1670, to amend the Sikes Act to improve the application of that Act to State-owned facilities used for the national defense, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–175, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 363, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2584) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–176).

Pages H5372–73

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Crawford to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5287**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5299**

Consumer Financial Protection Safety and Soundness Improvement Act of 2011: The House passed H.R. 1315, to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to strengthen the review authority of the Financial Stability Oversight Council of regulations issued by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 621.

Pages H5302–12, H5316–48

Rejected the Michaud motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 620. **Pages H5345–47**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules Committee Print dated July 14, 2011 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill. **Page H5328**

Agreed to:

Paulsen amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–172) that clarifies that the nonvoting members of the council are allowed to petition against any rule made by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), even if they represent an industry the CFPB is not permitted to regulate; **Pages H5334–35**

Quigley amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–172) that requires the Financial Stability Oversight Council to provide live online streaming or broadcasting of Council meetings pertaining to review of Consumer Financial Protection Bureau regulations; **Pages H5337–38**

Chu amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–172) that gives additional responsibility to the Commissioner responsible for oversight of the Bureau's activities pertaining to the protection of older consumers, minorities, youth, and veterans. The Commissioner is required to research how language barriers can lead to unfair and abusive lending practices, and report to the full Commission ways to protect consumers from these unfair and deceptive practices; **Page H5338**

DeFazio amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–172) that eliminates potential conflicts of interest by providing that no Member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council may participate in a vote to issue a stay of, or set aside, a regulation issued by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection if said regulation would affect an institution for which that individual was employed in the preceding 2 years (an earlier request for a recorded vote was withdrawn and the amendment stood adopted by the voice vote thereon); **Pages H5333–34, H5340**

Lankford amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 112–172) that requires the Inspector General of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System/CFPB to submit an annual report to Congress no later than February 1, 2012, and every year thereafter, which identifies (1) all new guidance/regulation/rules prescribed by the Bureau, (2) any Bureau authority which overlaps with other Federal agencies/departments, (3) Bureau administrative expenses, and (4) Bureau unobligated balances. Requires that the report be posted online and published using existing funds; and **Pages H5340–41**

Rigell amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 112–172) that requires the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to (1) submit an analysis on the impact of its proposed rule or regulation on the financial industry and (2) an analysis of consumers' and small businesses' access to credit as a result of the regulation, to the Financial Stability Oversight

Council for the purposes of public review (by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 167 noes, Roll No. 619).

Pages H5341–42, H5345

Rejected:

Maloney amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–172) that sought to strike Section 1023 of the Dodd-Frank Act giving the Financial Stability Oversight Council the ability to override Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rules; **Pages H5329–30**

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–172) that sought to restore a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote in order for the Financial Stability Oversight Council to overrule Consumer Financial Protection Bureau regulation (by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 615);

Pages H5330–33, H5342–43

Miller (NC) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–172) that sought to require specific disclosure of information related to filing agency petitions to the Financial Stability Oversight Council to overturn Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rule-making (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 616); **Pages H5335–36, H5343**

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–172) that sought to restore time limits in which the Financial Stability Oversight Council must review and make a determination on regulations issued by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 617); and **Pages H5336–37, H5343–44**

Maloney amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 112–172) that sought to transfer all authority that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau would receive to the Secretary of the Treasury if no Commission Chair is in place by July 21st until such time as a Chair has been confirmed by the Senate (by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 618). **Pages H5338–40, H5344–45**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H5348**

H. Res. 358, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 614, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Page H5317**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 358 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 612.

Pages H5302–05

Pursuant to section 2 of the rule, in the engrossment of H.R. 1315, the Clerk shall (a) add the text of H.R. 830, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 1315; (b) conform the title of H.R. 1315 to reflect the addition of H.R. 830, as

passed by the House, to the engrossment; (c) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and (d) conform provisions for short titles within the engrossment. **Page H5302**

Order of Business: Agreed by unanimous consent that during consideration of H.R. 2551, pursuant to H. Res. 359, amendments No. 9 and No. 12 are permitted to be offered out of the specified order. **Page H5348**

Order of Business: Agreed by unanimous consent that during consideration of H.R. 2551, pursuant to H. Res. 359, amendments No. 10 and No. 11 are permitted to be offered out of the specified order. **Page H5369**

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2012: The House began consideration of H.R. 2551, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 22nd. **Pages H5312–16, H5348–72**

Agreed to:

Honda amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that transfers Member Transition Activities funds to increase the Capitol Police fund by \$1,000,000 in order to establish a Security Fund for Member's District Office Security Upgrades; **Page H5360**

Altmire amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–173), as modified, that restores \$1 million in funding to the Thirty-Year Mass Deacidification Program with the Library of Congress' Salaries and Expenses Account; **Page H5365**

Paulsen amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that prevents the distribution of printed legislation to member offices unless a member requests the legislation; **Page H5367**

Paulsen amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that prevents funds from being used to distribute printed copies of the Congressional Record to Member offices. Members are still able to receive copies online and from the Legislative Resource Center; and **Page H5367**

Hanna amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that states that none of the funds may be used by the Chief Administrative Officer to make any payments from any MRA for the leasing of a vehicle in an amount that exceeds \$1,000 in any month. **Page H5369**

Rejected:

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that sought to reduce funding for the Joint Economic Committee by \$1,050,750 (25%) and transfer those dollars to the spending reduction account; **Page H5362**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that sought to reduce funding for the Office of Compliance to the FY 2008 Level (\$467,000 reduction) and transfer those dollars to the spending reduction account; **Pages H5362–63**

Flake amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that sought to require all mail funded by the Members' representational allowance and from funds for official mail for committees and leadership offices of the House bear the official letterhead of the Member, committee, or office involved; and

Pages H5370–71

Flake amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that sought to prohibit Members, committees, and leadership from using funds from this Act to purchase online ads that link to a website maintained by Members, committees, and leadership offices. **Pages H5371–72**

Proceedings Postponed:

Watt amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that seeks to reduce funding for the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) by 40% (\$619,200) and transfer the funds to the spending reduction account; **Pages H5360–62**

Hayworth amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that seeks to cut the \$632,780 increase in funding for the Botanic Garden and transfer it to the spending reduction account; **Pages H5363–64**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that seeks to reduce funding for the Botanic Garden to the FY 2008 Level (\$3,192,000 reduction) and transfer the funds to the spending reduction account; **Pages H5364–65**

Stutzman amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that seeks to reduce the Government Printing Office by \$4,946,140.80 by transferring \$3,414,150.29 from Government Printing Office, Congressional Printing and Binding, and \$1,531,990.51 from Government Printing Office, Office of Superintendent of Documents and transfer the funds to the spending reduction account; and

Pages H5365–67

Thompson (PA) amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that seeks to prohibit any funds in the bill from being available to purchase, acquire, install, or use any medium screw base compact fluorescent lamp or light bulb (CFL). **Pages H5367–69**

H. Res. 359, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 239 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 613, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5297 and H5248.

Senate Referral: S. 1103 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H5348**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5304–05, H5316, H5317, H5342–43, H5343, H5343–44, H5344–45, H5345, H5347 and H5347–48. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TITLE IV NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Nutrition and Horticulture held a hearing entitled "Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of Title IV Nutrition Programs". Testimony was heard from Audrey Rowe, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture.

DERIVATIVES REFORM

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing on Derivatives Reform: The View from Main Street. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup of legislation regarding the "Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act." The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

BIOTERRORISM, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Legislative Hearing to Address Bioterrorism, Controlled Substances and Public Health Issues." The following legislation was considered: H.R. 1254, the "Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2011"; H.R. 2405, to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Services Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act relating to public health preparedness and countermeasure development, and for other purposes; and legislation regarding the "Enhancing Disease Coordination Activities Act." Testimony was heard from Rep. Dent; Nicole Lurie, M.D., Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; and Howard K. Koh, M.D., Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power continued a hearing entitled "The

American Energy Initiative.” The hearing continued to focus on legislation regarding the “Pipeline Infrastructure and Community Protection Act of 2011.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee continued markup of H.R. 2583, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2012. This markup is scheduled to run late. The results of the markup will be reported in the July 22, 2011 Congressional Record.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, FY 2012

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on legislation regarding the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY 2012. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7 to 4, an open rule providing 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 provides that the amendment printed in Section 2 of the resolution, striking section 427 of the bill, shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives points of order against provision 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 and that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Rep. Simpson, Rep. Moran, and Rep. Bishop of New York.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 2096, the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2011.” The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a markup of H.R. 2274, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress annual reports on the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 2301, the “Streamlining Education Claims Processing Act of 2011”; H.R. 1911, the “Protecting Veterans' Homes Act”; H.R. 2329, the “Ensuring a Response for Servicemembers Act”; H.R. 1263, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Re-

lief Act to provide surviving spouses with certain protections relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures; H.R. 2302 to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to notify Congress of conferences sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 2345, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc. The following were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 2274, and H.R. 2301. The following were forwarded without amendment: H.R. 1263, H.R. 1911, H.R. 2302, H.R. 2329, and H.R. 2345.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, markup of the following: H.R. 923, the “Veterans Pensions Protection Act of 2011”; H.R. 1025, to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law; H.R. 1826, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reinstate criminal penalties for persons charging veterans unauthorized fees; H.R. 1898, the “Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act”; and H.R. 2349, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to annually assess the skills of certain employees and managers of the Veterans Benefits Administration, and for other purposes. 11 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine minority at risk, focusing on Coptic Christian in Egypt and renewed concerns over reports of disappearance, forced conversions and forced marriages of Coptic Christian women and girls, 9:30 a.m., 210, Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Friday, July 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2560, Cut, Cap, and Balance Act. At 10 a.m., the Majority Leader will be recognized to make a motion to table the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, with a roll call vote expected at approximately 10 a.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9:00 a.m., Friday, July 22

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Resume consideration of H.R. 2551—Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2012.

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