

Daily Digest

Highlights

The House passed H.R. 2551, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2012.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4813–S4853

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1406–1409, and S. Res. 237. **Pages S4845–46**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 968, to prevent online threats to economic creativity and theft of intellectual property. (S. Rept. No. 112–39)

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. 846, to designate the United States courthouse located at 80 Lafayette Street in Jefferson City, Missouri, as the Christopher S. Bond United States Courthouse. **Page S4845**

Measures Passed:

September 11th Moment of Remembrance: Senate agreed to S. Res. 237, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding coming together as a Nation and ceasing all work or other activity for a moment of remembrance beginning at 1 PM Eastern Daylight Time on September 11, 2011, in honor of the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks committed against the United States on September 11, 2001. **Pages S4836–37**

Government Charge Card Abuse Prevention Act: Senate passed S. 300, to prevent abuse of Government charge cards, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S4850–52**

Measures Considered:

Cut, Cap, and Balance Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2560, to cut, cap, and balance the Federal budget. **Pages S4814–26**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 116), Senate tabled the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S4825–26**

Moment of Silence—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-agreement was reached providing that at 3:40 p.m., on Monday, July 25, 2011, Senate observe a moment of silence in memory of Office Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police, who were killed 13 years ago defending the Capitol against an armed intruder. **Page S4852**

Engelmayer and Manglona Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, July 25, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Paul A. Engelmayer, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and the nomination of Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands for a term of ten years; that there be one hour 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 of Paul A. Engelmayer, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and the nomination of Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands for a term of ten years, in that order; that no further motions be in order. **Page S4852**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James T. Ryan, of Utah, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2013.

Larry W. Walther, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank

of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2013.

Mary B. DeRosa, of the District of Columbia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Frank E. Loy, of the District of Columbia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Kendrick B. Meek, of Florida, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Messages from the House:

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Privileges of the Floor:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—116)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:44 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4853.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 2623–2630; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 365–367 were introduced.

Pages H5398–99

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2117, to prohibit the Department of Education from overreaching into academic affairs and program eligibility under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–177) and

H.R. 2218, to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–178).

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:41 a.m. and reconvened at 10:02 a.m.

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Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2012:

The House passed H.R. 2551, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, by a yea-and-nay vote of 252 yeas to 159 nays, Roll No. 629. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, July 21st.

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Agreed to:

Hayworth amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that was debated on July 21st that cuts the \$632,780 increase in funding for the Botanic Garden and transfers it to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 299 ayes to 112 noes, Roll No. 623) and

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Stutzman amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that was debated on July 21st that reduces 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 transfers the funds to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 625).

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Rejected:

Watt amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that was debated on July 21st that sought to reduce funding for the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) by 40% (\$619,200) and transfer the funds to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 102 ayes to 302 noes with 7 voting "present", Roll No. 622);

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Broun (GA) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that was debated on July 21st that sought 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 (by a recorded vote of 153 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 624); **Pages H5383–84**

Thompson (PA) amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that was debated on July 21st that sought 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) (by a recorded vote of 130 ayes to 283 noes, Roll No. 626); **Pages H5385–86**

Holt amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that sought to provide \$2.5 million for the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment and reduce funding for the House Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 627); and **Pages H5379–80, H5385–86**

Moran amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 112–173) that sought to prohibit the use of funds for polystyrene containers in the food service facilities of the House of Representatives (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 628). **Pages H5380–81, H5386–87**

H. Res. 359, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, July 21st.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, July 25th, when it shall convene at 10 a.m. for morning hour debate and 12 noon for legislative business. **Page H5387**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page 5381.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5399–H5400.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5382, H5383, H5383–84, H5384–85, H5385, H5385–86, H5386–87 and H5387. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: On July 21, 2011, the full Committee continued markup of H.R. 2583, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2012. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a markup of the following: H.R. 923, the “Veterans Pen-

sions 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. The following were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 1826, and H.R. 923. The following were forwarded without amendment: H.R. 1025 and H.R. 1898. H.R. 2349 was withdrawn.

Joint Meetings

COPTIC CHRISTIAN IN EGYPT

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Commission concluded a hearing to examine minority at risk, focusing on Coptic Christian in Egypt and renewed concerns over reports of disappearances, forced conversions and forced marriages of Coptic Christian women and girls, after receiving testimony from Jean Maher, Egyptian Union for Human Rights Organization, Houilles, France; Michele A. Clark, George Washington University Elliot School of International Affairs, Washington, D.C.; and Caroline Doss, Coptic Solidarity, Centreville, Virginia.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 25 through July 30, 2011

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 4:30 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Paul A. Engelmayer, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and the nomination of Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands for a term of ten years, and vote on confirmation of the nominations, at approximately 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: July 28, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Brian T. Baenig, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Agriculture; to be immediately followed by a

hearing to examine opportunities for specialty crops and organics in the farm bill, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Appropriations: July 27, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Education, 10 a.m., SD-124.

July 28, Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government, to hold hearings to examine Federal disaster assistance budgeting, focusing on the role of the Federal government in mitigating the economic impact of severe weather events through long-term budgetary planning, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: July 26, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Martin E. Dempsey, USA for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

July 27, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine financial management and business transformation at the Department of Defense, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: July 26, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Martin J. Gruenberg, of Maryland, to be Chairperson and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Thomas J. Curry, of Massachusetts, to be Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, and S. Roy Woodall, Jr., of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: July 27, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine defending United States economic interests in the changing arctic, focusing on if there is a strategy, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

July 27, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine improving highway and vehicle safety, focusing on reauthorization of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

July 28, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine aviation fuels, focusing on needs, challenges, and alternatives, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: July 28, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Charles DeWitt McConnell, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy, and Rebecca R. Wodder, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, 10 a.m., SD-366.

July 28, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 264, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, S. 265, to authorize the acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond for addition to Vicksburg National Military Park, S. 324, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission, S. 764, to amend

the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to make technical corrections to the segment designations for the Chetco River, Oregon, S. 864, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California, S. 883, to authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution, S. 888, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 925, to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence, S. 970, to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1063, to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska, S. 1134, to authorize the St. Croix River Crossing Project with appropriate mitigation measures to promote river values, and S. 1235, to recognize the memorial at the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official national memorial of Navy SEALs and their predecessors, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: July 26, to hold hearings to examine perspectives on deficit reduction, focusing on a review of key issues, 10 a.m., SD-215.

July 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine chief executive officer (CEO) perspectives on how the tax code affects hiring, businesses and economic growth, 10 a.m., SD-215.

July 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Janice Eberly, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Juan F. Vasquez, of Texas, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: July 26, business meeting to consider S. 1280, to amend the Peace Corps Act to require sexual assault risk-reduction and response training, and the development of sexual assault protocol and guidelines, the establishment of victims advocates, the establishment of a Sexual Assault Advisory Council, S. Res. 216, encouraging women's political participation in Saudi Arabia, S. Con. Res. 17, expressing the sense of Congress that Taiwan should be accorded observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), S. Res. 227, calling for the protection of the Mekong River Basin and increased United States support for delaying the construction of mainstream dams along the Mekong River, S. Res. 175, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to ongoing violations of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Georgia and the importance of a peaceful and just resolution to the conflict within Georgia's internationally recognized borders, Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, signed at Kigali on February 19, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110-23), Convention between the Government of the United States

of America and the Government of the Republic of Hungary for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 4, 2010, at Budapest (the “proposed Convention”) and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on February 4, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 111–07), Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the “proposed Protocol”) and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111–08), Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 112–01), Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bermuda relating to Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Hamilton on January 12, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111–06), and the nominations of Jonathan Don Farrar, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, Derek J. Mitchell, of Connecticut, to be Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Burma, with the rank of Ambassador, Frankie Annette Reed, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati, Paul D. Wohlers, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, William H. Moser, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Thomas M. Countryman, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Non-Proliferation, Jeffrey DeLaurentis, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., S–116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: July 26, to hold hearings to examine building a ladder of opportunity, focusing on what’s working to make the American dream a reality for middle class families, 10 a.m., SD–430.

July 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Food and Drug Administration (FDA) user fees, focusing on advancing public health, 9:45 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: July 26, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine small business con-

tracts, focusing on how oversight failures and regulatory loopholes allow large businesses to get and keep small business contracts, 10 a.m., SD–342.

July 26, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine Federal workers’ compensation program for injured employees, 2 p.m., SD–342.

July 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on emergency communications, 10 a.m., SD–342.

July 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark D. Acton, of Kentucky, and Robert G. Taub, of New York, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: July 28, to hold an oversight hearing to examine enforcing the “Indian Gaming Regulatory Act”, focusing on the role of the National Indian Gaming Commission and tribes as regulators, 2:15 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: July 26, Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, to hold hearings to examine the economic imperative for enacting immigration reform, 10 a.m., SD–226.

July 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine fulfilling our treaty obligations and protecting Americans abroad, 10 a.m., SD–226.

July 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Edgardo Ramos, of Connecticut, Andrew L. Carter, Jr., and Jesse M. Furman, all to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, James Rodney Gilstrap, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, and Jennifer Guerin Zipp, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

July 28, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 401, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, S. 657, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, S. 409, to ban the sale of certain synthetic drugs, S. 605, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to place synthetic drugs in Schedule I, S. 839, to ban the sale of certain synthetic drugs, and the nomination of Steve Six, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: July 27, to hold hearings to examine the lifetime costs of supporting the newest generation of veterans, 10 a.m., SD–562.

Select Committee on Intelligence: July 26, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Matthew G. Olsen, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, 10 a.m., SD–562.

July 26, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

July 28, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, July 27, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of Title I and the SURE Program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

July 28, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of USDA Research Programs, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, July 27, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, markup of the FY 2012 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations bill, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, July 26, full Committee, hearing on Ten Years After the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force: Current Status of Legal Authorities, Detention, and Prosecution in the War on Terror, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 26, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Department of Defense investment in technology and capability to meet emerging security threats, 1:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

July 26, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on total force readiness, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 27, full Committee, hearing on the Way Ahead in Afghanistan, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 27, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the Reserve Components as an Operational Force: Potential Legislative and Policy Changes, 1:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

July 27, Subcommittee on Strategic Force, hearing on sustaining nuclear deterrence after New START, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 28, Panel on Defense Financial Management and Auditability Reform, meeting to receive testimony on DOD's plans for financial management improvement and achieving audit readiness, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, July 26, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "Redefining 'Fiduciary': Assessing the Impact of the Labor Department's Proposal on Workers and Retirees." 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

July 27, full Committee, hearing entitled "Education Reforms: Exploring Teacher Quality Initiatives." 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, July 26, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing is entitled "Cybersecurity: An Overview of Risks to Critical Infrastructure." 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, July 26, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Examining Rental Purchase Agreements and the Potential Role for Federal Regulation." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 26, Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology, hearing entitled "Impact of Monetary Policy on the Economy: A Regional Fed Perspective on Inflation, Unemployment, and QE3." 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 27, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Credit Rating Agencies Post Dodd-Frank." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 27, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "The Impact of the World Bank and Multi-Lateral Development Banks on National Security and U.S. Job Creation." 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 28, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Insurance Oversight: Policy Implications for U.S. Consumers, Businesses and Jobs." 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, July 26, Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, hearing on Eastern Europe: The State of Democracy and Freedom, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 26, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Reassessing American Grand Strategy in South Asia, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

July 26, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, joint hearing on AFRICOM: Promoting Partnership for Global Security in Africa, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

July 27, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Axis of Abuse: U.S. Human Rights Policy toward Iran and Syria, Part 1, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 28, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing on Improving Implementation of the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, July 26, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies, hearing entitled "The Last Line of Defense: Federal, State, and Local Efforts to Prevent Nuclear and Radiological Terrorism Within the United States." 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

July 27, full Committee, hearing entitled "Al Shabaab: Recruitment and Radicalization within the Muslim American Community and the Threat to the Homeland." 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, July 26, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 2572, the "Clean Up Government Act of 2011." 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 26, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing on H.R. 2497, the "Hinder the Administration's Legalization Temptation Act." 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 27, Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing entitled "Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee Responsibilities and Remuneration." 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 27, full Committee, begin markup of the following: H.R. 1981, the "Protecting Children From Internet Pornographers Act of 2011"; H.R. 1433, the "Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2011"; H.R. _____, the "Appeal Time Clarification Act of 2011"; and H.R. 83, the "Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act of 2011". 11:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 28, full Committee, continue markup of the following: H.R. 1981, the “Protecting Children From Internet Pornographers Act of 2011”; H.R. 1433, the “Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2011”; H.R. _____, the “Appeal Time Clarification Act of 2011”; and H.R. 83, the “Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act of 2011”. 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, July 26, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled “NOAA’s Fishery Science: Is the Lack of Basic Science Costing Jobs?” 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 26, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following: H.R. 2578, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1581, the “Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011.” 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

July 27, full Committee, hearing entitled “State Perspectives on Offshore Revenue Sharing.” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 28, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on the following: H.R. 50, the “Multinational Species Conservation Funds Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 1760, the “Great Ape Conservation Reauthorization Amendments Act”; and H.R. 1761, the “Marine Turtle Conservation Reauthorization Act.” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, July 26, full Committee, hearing entitled “Operation Fast and Furious: The Other Side of the Border.” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 26, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending, hearing entitled “Lights Out: How EPA Regulations Threaten Affordable Power and Job Creation.” 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 27, full Committee, hearing entitled “Disposal of Federal Real Property: Legislative Proposals.” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 27, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy, hearing entitled “The Thrift Savings Plan: Helping Federal Employees Achieve Retirement Security.” 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 28, Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing entitled “Improper Medicare Payments: \$48 Billion in Waste?” 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

July 28, Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census, and the National Archives, hearing entitled “Impact of Obamacare on Job Creators and Their Decision to Offer Health Insurance.” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, July 25, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1938, the “North-American-Made Energy Security Act.” 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

July 26, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2587, the “Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act.” 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, July 26, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing entitled “The Merit Review Process: Ensuring Limited

Federal Resources are Invested in the Best Science.” 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, July 27, full Committee, hearing entitled “Bureaucratic Obstacles for Small Exporters: Is our National Export Strategy Working?” 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

July 28, Subcommittee on Healthcare and Technology, hearing entitled “Small Businesses and PPACA: If They Like Their Coverage, Can They Keep It?” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

July 28, Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations, hearing entitled “Open for Business: The Impact of the CFPB on Small Business.” 1:30 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, July 26, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “How to Improve Operations and Implement Efficiencies for the United States Coast Guard.” 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

July 27, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “The European Union’s Emissions Trading Scheme: A Violation of International Law.” 9 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

July 28, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “The Economic Development Administration: How to Improve Effectiveness through Reforms and Consolidations.” 10:30 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, July 25, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following: H.R. 198, the “Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act”; H.R. 1154, the “Veterans Equal Treatment for Service Dogs Act”; H.R. 1855, the “Veterans’ Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitative Services’ Improvements Act of 2011”; H.R. 2074, the “Veterans Sexual Assault Prevention Act”; H.R. 2530, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for increased flexibility in establishing rates for reimbursement of State homes by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for nursing home care provided to veterans; and draft legislation. 4 p.m., 334 Cannon.

July 27, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, markup on pending legislation, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

July 28, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Evaluating VA’s SDVOSB Certification Process, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

July 28, Subcommittee on Health, markup of pending legislation, 9:30 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, July 26, full Committee, hearing on alternative tax systems, with a focus on tax systems that are based on taxing consumption rather than income, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

July 28, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the new IRS paid tax return preparer program, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, July 27, Subcommittee on Terrorism, HUMINT, Analysis, and Counterintelligence, hearing on Preventing Violent Radicalization in America, 3 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

July 28, full Committee, hearing on Ongoing Intelligence Activities, 4 p.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: July 26, to hold hearings to examine Bosnia, focusing on obstacles to progress and recommendations for the international response, 2 p.m., 210, Cannon Building.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: July 28, to hold hearings to examine United States policy and the Organization for Co-operation in Europe, focusing on

making good on commitments and challenges, including unresolved conflicts, ethnic tension, corruption and lack of governance, racism and intolerance, and trafficking in persons, 1:30 p.m., 210, Cannon Building.

Joint Economic Committee: July 27, to hold hearings to examine maximizing America's prosperity, focusing on how fiscal rules can restrain Federal overspending, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, July 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 4:30 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Paul A. Engelmayer, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and the nomination of Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands for a term of ten years, and vote on confirmation of the nominations, at approximately 5:30 p.m.

(At 3:40 p.m., the Senate will observe a moment of silence in memory of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Monday, July 25

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Begin consideration of H.R. 2584—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012 (Subject to a Rule).

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