

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5155–S5199

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1455–1466, S. Res. 247–249, and S. Con. Res. 27. **Pages S5191–92**

Measures Reported:

S. 277, to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–42)

S. 1458, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. (S. Rept. No. 112–43)

S. 894, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2011, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. (S. Rept. No. 112–44)

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Measures Passed:

Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays: Senate passed S. 1466, to establish the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays. **Pages S5197–99**

Consumer Product Safety Commission: Senate passed H.R. 2715, to provide the Consumer Product Safety Commission with greater authority and discretion in enforcing the consumer product safety laws.

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House Messages:

Debt Limit Increase Bill: Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House of Rep-

resentatives to S. 627, to establish the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5156–58, S5158–84**

Pending:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 589, to cut spending, maintain existing commitments, and for other purposes.

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Reid Amendment No. 590 (to Amendment No. 589), to change the enactment date. **Page S5156**

Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on the Budget, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 591, to change the enactment date. **Page S5156**

Reid Amendment No. 592 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 591) on the motion to refer), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5156**

Reid Amendment No. 593 (to Amendment No. 592), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5156**

Appointments:

United States Commission on Civil Rights: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 98–183, as amended by Public Law 103–419, appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on Civil Rights:

David Kladney of Nevada vice Alice C. “Dina” Titus of Nevada. **Page S5199**

Debt Ceiling Bill—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Chair lays before the body the House message to accompany S. 365, to make a technical amendment to the Education Sciences Reform Act, that the Majority Leader be recognized to move to concur in the House amendments; that the time until 12 p.m., Tuesday, August 2, 2011, be for debate on the motion to concur, equally divided, between the two Leaders, or their designees; at 12 p.m., Senate vote

on the Reid motion to concur; that the motion to concur be subject to a 60 vote threshold; and that no amendments, points of order or other motions be in order to the message prior to the vote.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:47 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5199.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Matthew G. Olsen, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 75 public bills, H.R. 2715–2789; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 69–73; and H. Res. 385–387 were introduced.

Pages H5882–85

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H5888–89

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 384, providing for consideration of the bill (S. 365) to make a technical amendment to the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (H. Rept. 112–190) and

H.R. 1751, to amend the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 to require that weather radios be installed in all manufactured homes manufactured or sold in the United States (H. Rept. 112–191).

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:18 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yeas-and-nays vote of 304 yeas to 115 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 688.

Pages H5817, H5839–40

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to toll, during active-duty service abroad in the Armed Forces, the periods of time to file a petition and appear for an interview to remove the conditional basis for permanent resident status: H.R.

398, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to toll, during active-duty service abroad in the Armed Forces, the periods of time to file a petition and appear for an interview to remove the conditional basis for permanent resident status, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 426 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 684;

Pages H5819–21, H5829–30

Amending the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the requirements for admission of non-immigrant nurses in health professional shortage areas: H.R. 1933, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the requirements for admission of nonimmigrant nurses in health professional shortage areas, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 407 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 685;

Pages H5821–22, H5830

Administrative Conference of the United States Reauthorization Act of 2011: H.R. 2480, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States for fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 382 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 691; and

Pages H5822–23, H5867–68

Providing the Consumer Product Safety Commission with greater authority and discretion in enforcing the consumer product safety laws: H.R. 2715, to provide the Consumer Product Safety Commission with greater authority and discretion in enforcing the consumer product safety laws, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 421 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 683.

Pages H5823–28, H5829

Recess: The House recessed at 1:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2:02 p.m. **Page H5828**

Call of the House: The Speaker called the House to order and ascertained the presence of a quorum (419 present, Roll No. 689). **Pages H5865–66**

Making a technical amendment to the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002: The House passed S. 365, amended, to make a technical amendment to the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002, by a recorded vote of 269 ayes to 161 noes, Roll No. 690.

Pages H5831–39, H5840–66

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 112–190 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H5840**

H. Res. 384, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 249 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 687, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 686. **Pages H5831–39**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 70, correcting the enrollment of S. 365.

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Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Representative Smith (NJ), Chairman.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, August 2nd. **Page H5868**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5829, H5829–30, H5830, H5838, H5839, H5839–40, H5866, H5867–68. There was one quorum call, Roll No. 689, which appears on pages H5865–66.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9.25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee continue markup of H.R. 2189, the "Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2011". The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

TO MAKE A TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO THE EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT OF 2002 (BUDGET CONTROL ACT OF 2011)

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on S. 365, to make a technical amendment to the Edu-

cation Sciences Reform Act of 2002. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of debate with 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules, 15 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means, and 15 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Business meeting to consider the nominations of Mark P. Wetjen, of Nevada, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and Brian T. Baenig, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to receive a closed briefing on cyber issues, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: To hold hearings to examine housing finance reform, focusing on national mortgage servicing standards, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: With the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold joint hearings to examine a review of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) near-term task force recommendations for enhancing reactor safety in the 21st century, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Francis Joseph Ricciardone, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, and Robert Stephen Ford, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: To hold hearings to examine health reform and health insurance premiums, focusing on empowering states to serve consumers, 10 a.m., SD-430.

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

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of August 2 through August 6, 2011

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, the Majority Leader is expected to make a motion to concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to S. 365, Debt Ceiling Bill, with a vote on the Reid motion to concur, at approximately 12 noon.

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: August 2, business meeting to consider the nominations of Mark P. Wetjen, of Nevada, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and Brian T. Baenig, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services: August 2, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to receive a closed briefing on cyber issues, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: August 2, to hold hearings to examine housing finance reform, focusing on national mortgage servicing standards, 10 a.m., SD-538.

August 3, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine the housing finance system, focusing on the to-be-announced market, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

August 3, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine debt financing in the domestic financial sector, 2 p.m., SD-538.

August 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Richard Cordray, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: August 3, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 1024, to designate the Organ Mountains and other public land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and the National Landscape Conservation System in the State of New Mexico, S. 1090, to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, S. 1144, to amend the Soda Ash Royalty Reduction Act of 2006 to extend the reduced royalty rate for

soda ash, S. 1149, to expand geothermal production, and S. 1344, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to take immediate action to recover ecologically and economically from a catastrophic wildfire in the State of Arizona, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: August 2, with the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold joint hearings to examine a review of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) near-term task force recommendations for enhancing reactor safety in the 21st century, 10 a.m., SD-406.

August 3, Subcommittee on Children's Health and Environmental Responsibility, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal actions to clean up contamination from uranium mining and milling operations, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: August 3, to hold hearings to examine dually-eligible beneficiaries, focusing on improving care while lowering costs, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: August 2, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Francis Joseph Ricciardone, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, and Robert Stephen Ford, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

August 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Wendy Ruth Sherman, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Political Affairs, and Robert Stephen Ford, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic, both of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

August 4, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine responding to drought and famine in the Horn of Africa, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: August 2, to hold hearings to examine health reform and health insurance premiums, focusing on empowering states to serve consumers, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: August 3, business meeting to consider S. 1268, to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Government by providing for greater interagency experience among national security and homeland security personnel through the development of a national security and homeland security human capital strategy and interagency rotational service by employees, S. 1409, to intensify efforts to identify, prevent, and recover payment error, waste, fraud, and abuse within Federal spending, S. 743, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in non-disclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, S. 1379, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to revise certain administrative authorities of the District of Columbia courts, and to authorize the District of Columbia Public Defender Service to provide professional liability insurance for officers and employees

of the Service for claims relating to services furnished within the scope of employment with the Service, S. 1444, to provide for the presentation of a United States flag on behalf of Federal civilian employees who are killed while performing official duties or because of their status as Federal employees, S. 384, to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and 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, 10 a.m., SD-342.

August 4, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine Federal leased property, focusing on if Federal agencies are getting a bad deal, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: August 4, to hold an oversight hearing to examine “The American Indian Probate Reform Act”, focusing on empowering Indian land owners, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: August 3, to hold hearings to examine cybercrime, focusing on updating the “Computer Fraud and Abuse Act” to protect cyberspace and combat emerging threats, 10 a.m., SD-226.

August 4, Full Committee, business meeting to consider 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, and the nominations of Morgan Christen, of Alaska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Scott Wesley Skavdahl, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming, Sharon L. Gleason, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska, Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Richard G. Andrews, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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

August 4, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, August 3, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing entitled Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of USDA Rural Development Programs, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

August 4, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review the causes and consequences of government

over-regulation of agricultural biotechnology, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Financial Services, August 3, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Determine the Future Role of FHA, RHS and GNMA in the Single- and Multi-Family Mortgage Markets, Part 2.” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

August 4, full Committee, hearing entitled “Fixing the Watchdog: Legislative Proposals to Improve and Enhance the Securities and Exchange Commission,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, August 2, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing on Hydrocephalus Treatment in Uganda: Leading the Way to Help Children, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, August 3, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “The Office on Violence Against Women at the U.S. Department of Justice.” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, August 3, full Committee, hearing on Impacts of the LightSquared Network on Federal Science Activities, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, August 3, full Committee, hearing entitled “Innovative Approaches to Meeting the Workforce Needs of Small Businesses,” 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

August 4, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “Helping Small Businesses Compete: Challenges within Programs Designed to Assist Small Contractors,,” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, August 3, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures and Subcommittee on Oversight, joint hearing on the intersection of energy policy and tax policy, with a focus on the dual priorities of comprehensive tax reform and a sustainable energy policy that address our economic, security, and environmental needs, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

August 4, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on the reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, including how States engage recipients in work activities that move them toward self-sufficiency, 9 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, August 4, full Committee, hearing on Ongoing Intelligence Activities, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: August 2, to receive a briefing on Russian-United States cooperation in the fight against alcoholism, focusing on prospects for sharing experience, strength, and hope on treating alcoholism, 2 p.m., 2360, Rayburn Building.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

EXECUTIVE DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 5 through July 31, 2011

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	96	99	..
Time in session	679 hrs., 10'	668 hrs., 14'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	5,154	5,812	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1,458	..
Public bills enacted into law	10	14	24
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference	2	2	..
Measures passed, total	209	207	416
Senate bills	20	8	..
House bills	16	82	..
Senate joint resolutions	3	3	..
House joint resolutions	2	4	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	11	3	..
House concurrent resolutions	9	13	..
Simple resolutions	148	94	..
Measures reported, total	*88	*165	253
Senate bills	57	2	..
House bills	3	101	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	2	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	2	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	2	..
Simple resolutions	25	58	..
Special reports	9	24	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	95	55	..
Measures introduced, total	1,749	3,239	4,988
Bills	1,454	2,714	..
Joint resolutions	23	74	..
Concurrent resolutions	26	68	..
Simple resolutions	246	383	..
Quorum calls	5	2	..
Yea-and-nay votes	122	162	..
Recorded votes .....	..	517	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 41 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 189 reports have been filed in the House.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 5 through July 31, 2011

Civilian nominations, totaling 368, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	129
Unconfirmed	231
Withdrawn	8
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 1,540, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,070
Unconfirmed	465
Withdrawn	5
Air Force nominations, totaling 5,437, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,420
Unconfirmed	4,017
Army nominations, totaling 4,876, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	3,064
Unconfirmed	1,812
Navy nominations, totaling 2,143, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,325
Unconfirmed	818
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,248, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	636
Unconfirmed	612
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominations received this Session	15,612
Total confirmed	7,644
Total unconfirmed	7,955
Total withdrawn	13
Total returned to the White House	0

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 2

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, August 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: The Majority Leader is expected to make a motion to concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to S. 365, Debt Ceiling Bill, with a vote on the Reid motion to concur, at approximately 12 noon.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 10 a.m.

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