

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5471–S5480

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1536–1537. **Page S5476**

Measures Passed:

Fallen Heroes of 9/11 Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1239, to provide for a medal of appropriate design to be awarded by the President to the memorials established at the 3 sites honoring the men and women who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5479–80**

Measures Considered:

Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.J. Res. 66, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003. **Page S5478**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, September 9, 2011, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 12, 2011. **Page S5478**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, September 12, 2011. **Page S5478**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–19) **Page S5476**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m. and adjourned at 12:30 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5478.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 2875–2881 were introduced. **Page H6042**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6043**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: In the Matter of Todd Poole (H. Rept. 112–203).

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller (MI) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6013**

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012: The House passed H.R. 1892, 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, by a recorded vote of 384 ayes to 14 noes, Roll No. 698.

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Rejected the Hochul motion to recommit the bill to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 257 noes, Roll No. 697.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules Committee Print dated August 31, 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 Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

Rogers (MI) manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–200), as modified, that makes various modifications and technical corrections;

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Wolf amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–200), as modified, that creates a “Team B”—a counterterrorism competitive analysis council of outside experts—to continuously advise the Director of National Intelligence and the Congress on how best to revise plans, operations, concepts, organizations, and capabilities across the intelligence community in response to the evolving threat of terrorism and domestic radicalization;

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Keating amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–200) that includes Sense of Congress language to encourage the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, to integrate the intelligence-sharing capabilities of fusion centers and leverage participation from all intelligence, law enforcement and homeland security agencies to prevent acts of terrorism against the United States in a manner consistent with the Constitution;

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Hunter amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–200) that requires the Director of National Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense to establish a coordinated strategy utilizing all available personnel and assets for intelligence collection and analysis to identify and counter network activity and operations in Pakistan and Afghanistan relating to the development and use of improvised explosive devices (by a recorded vote of 397 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 695); and

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Carney amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–200) that expresses the sense of Congress that railway transportation security has been and

must continue to be a priority of the intelligence community in infrastructure threat assessment, namely through the coordination of the Office of Intelligence & Analysis (by a recorded vote of 303 ayes to 92 noes, Roll No. 696).

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Withdrawn:

Holt amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–200) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have directed the Director of National Intelligence to submit to Congress not more than 180 days after enactment a National Intelligence Estimate on the impact of the recent revolutions in North Africa and the Middle East on the security of the State of Israel.

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

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H. Res. 392, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2218) and (H.R. 1892), was agreed to yesterday, September 8th.

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001, on the 10th anniversary of that date: The House agreed to discharge and agree to H. Res. 391, to express the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001, on the 10th anniversary of that date.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, September 12th, when it shall convene at noon for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency declared with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–52).

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H6035.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 28 was referred to the Committee on House Administration.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6031, H6032, H6034, H6035. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS IN THE MILITARY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the current status of suicide prevention programs in the military. Testimony was heard from Major General Thomas P. Bostick USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, U.S. Army; Jonathan Woodson MD, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; Rear Admiral Anthony M. Kurta USN, Director, Military Personnel, Plans and Policy, U.S. Navy; Lieutenant General Robert E. Milstead Jr., USMC, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, U.S. Marine Corps; and Lieutenant General Darrell D. Jones USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Personnel, U.S. Air Force.

ASBESTOS COMPENSATION SYSTEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution held a hearing entitled "How Fraud and Abuse in the Asbestos Compensation System Affect Victims, Jobs, the Economy, and the Legal System." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REVIEW AND STATUS OF SEC. 390 CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS OF THE ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled "Impacts to Onshore Jobs, Revenue, and Energy: Review and Status of Sec. 390 Categorical Exclusions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005." Testimony was heard from Mike Pool, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management; Mark Gaffigan, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 1444, to require that hunting activities be a land use in all management plans for Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to the extent that such use is not clearly incompatible with the purposes for which the Federal land is managed, and for other purposes; legislation regarding the "Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act"; and legislation regarding the "Cabin Fee Act of 2011". Testimony was heard from Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems, U.S. Forest Service, Depart-

ment of Agriculture; Bob Ratcliffe, Deputy Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

IMPACT HEALTH CARE CONSOLIDATION IS HAVING ON THE COST OF PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on the impact health care consolidation is having on the cost of private health insurance, Medicare spending, and beneficiary costs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 12 through September 17, 2011

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 4:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.J. Res. 66, Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution at 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 Appropriations: September 13, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

September 14, Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government, business meeting to markup the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for Financial Services and General Government, 11:15 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: September 13, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

September 14, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine general and flag officer requirements, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 13, to hold hearings to examine housing finance reform, focusing on if there should be a government guarantee, 10 a.m., SD-538.

September 14, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine emerging issues in insurance regulation, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

September 14, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine new ideas for refinancing and restructuring mortgage loans, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: September 15, to hold hearings to examine policy prescriptions for the economy, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 14, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine moving intercity passenger rail into the future, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 15, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gregory Howard Woods, of New York, to be General Counsel, David T. Danielson, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and LaDoris Guess Harris, of Georgia, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, all of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: September 12, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph H. Gale, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Michael W. Punke, of Montana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the Rank of Ambassador, and Islam A. Siddiqui, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, both of the Executive Office of the President, Paul Piquado, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and David S. Johanson, of Texas, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, 4 p.m., SD-215.

September 13, Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth, to hold hearings to examine whether there is a role for tax reform in comprehensive deficit reduction and United States fiscal policy, 2 p.m., SD-215.

September 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine tax reform options, focusing on promoting retirement security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 13, business meeting to consider the nominations of Wendy Ruth Sherman, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Political Affairs, John A. Heffern, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Francis Joseph Ricciardone, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Robert Stephen Ford, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic, and Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, all of the Department of State, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 13, Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging, to hold hearings to examine poverty, 10 a.m., SD-430.

September 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine securing the pharmaceutical supply chain, 10 a.m., SD-430.

September 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the future of employment for people with the most significant disabilities, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 13, to hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on if we are safer, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 13, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine agro-defense, focusing on responding to threats against America's agriculture and food system, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

September 14, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act of 2011", 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 15, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine improving financial accountability at the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: September 15, to hold an oversight hearing to examine tribal transportation, focusing on paving the way for jobs, infrastructure, and safety in native communities, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 13, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Civil Rights Division, 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the "Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act", focusing on renewing the commitment to victims of human trafficking, 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 15, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1151, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, S. 1408, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing sensitive personally identifiable information, to disclose any breach of such information, an original bill entitled, "Personal Data Protection and Breach Accountability Act of 2011," and 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, and James Rodney Gilstrap, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: September 15, to hold hearings to examine disaster recovery, focusing on evaluating the role of America's small businesses in rebuilding their communities, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 13, to hold a joint hearing with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to examine the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, 9:30 a.m., HVC-210.

September 15, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, September 13, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and

Foreign Agriculture, hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of USDA Rural Development Programs, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

September 14, Subcommittee Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing on the examination of the issue of feed availability and its effect on the livestock and poultry industries, 1:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, September 13, full Committee, hearing on the Future of National Defense and the U.S. Military Ten Years After 9/11: Perspectives from Outside Experts, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

September 15, Panel on Defense Financial Management and Audibility Reform, hearing on organizational challenges in achieving sound financial management and audit readiness, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

September 15, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on sustaining GPS for national security, 11:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, September 14, full Committee, hearing entitled “The Need for Pro-Growth Tax Reform.” 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, September 13, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Workforce Challenges Facing the Agriculture Industry.” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

September 14, full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Federal Role in Public School Accountability.” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 13, Subcommittee on Energy, markup of the following: H.R. 2250, the “EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011;” and H.R. 2681, the “Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011.” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the American Energy Initiative with a focus on the impacts of the Environmental Protection Agency’s new and proposed power sector regulations on electric reliability, 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Solyndra and The DOE Loan Guarantee Program.” 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 15, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Internet Privacy: The Impact and Burden of EU Regulation.” 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 15, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Cutting the Red Tape: Saving Jobs from PPACA’s Harmful Regulations.” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 13, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Ensuring Appropriate Regulatory Oversight of Broker-Dealers and Legislative Proposals to Improve Investment Adviser Oversight.” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 13, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy and Technology, hearing entitled “Road Map to Sound Money: A Legislative Hearing on H.R. 1098 and Restoring the Dollar.” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Cybersecurity: Threats to the Financial Sector.” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “HUD and NeighborWorks Housing Counseling Oversight.” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 15, full Committee, hearing entitled “Fixing the Watchdog: Legislative Proposals to Improve and Enhance the Securities and Exchange Commission.” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 15, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled “The Impact of the World Bank and Multi-Lateral Development Banks on National Security.” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, September 13, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, joint hearing entitled “Has Mérida Evolved? Part One: The Evolution of Drug Cartels and the Threat to Mexico’s Governance.” 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 14, full Committee, hearing entitled “Promoting Peace? Reexamining U.S. Aid to the Palestinian Authority, Part II.” 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing on U.S.-India Counterterrorism Cooperation: Deepening the Partnership, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, September 13, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Ten Years after 9/11: Can Terrorists Still Exploit our Visa System?” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

September 14, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled “United States Secret Service: Examining Protective and Investigative Missions and Challenges in 2012”. 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 13, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 822, the “National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011.” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing entitled “The Investor Visa Program: Key to Creating American Jobs.” 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, September 13, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 302, the “Preserve Land Freedom for Americans Act of 2011;” H.R. 758, the “National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act;” H.R. 817, to amend the Antiquities Act of 1906 to place additional requirements on the establishment of national monuments under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 845, the “Montana Land Sovereignty Act;” H.R. 846, the “Idaho Land Sovereignty Act;” and H.R. 2147, the “Utah Land Sovereignty Act.” 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 13, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 2360, the “Providing for Our Workforce and Energy Resources Act” (POWER Act); H.R. 2752, the “BLM Live Internet Auctions Act;” and H.R. 2803, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, to conduct a technological capability assessment, survey,

and economic feasibility study regarding recovery of minerals, other than oil and natural gas, from the shallow and deep seabed of the United States. 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 14, full Committee, hearing entitled, “Creating American Jobs by Harnessing Our Resources: Domestic Mining Opportunities and Hurdles.” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 14, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 200, the “Inland Empire Perchlorate Ground Water Plume Assessment Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2842, the “Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act of 2011.” 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 15, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on legislation to establish in the Department of the Interior an Under Secretary for Energy, Lands, and Minerals and a Bureau of Ocean Energy, an Ocean Energy Safety Service, and an Office of Natural Resources Revenue, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 15, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1162, to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, and for other purposes; H.R. 2087, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia; H.R. 2336, the “York River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2011”; H.R. 2351, the “North Cascades National Park Service Complex Fish Stocking Act”; H.R. 2352, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside; H.R. 2606, the “New York City Natural Gas Supply Enhancement Act”; and H.R. 2687, the “Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act.” 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, September 13, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Over-

sight and Government Spending, hearing entitled “Take Two: The President’s Proposal to Stimulate the Economy and Create Jobs.” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 14, full Committee, hearing entitled “How a Broken Process Leads to Flawed Regulations.” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 15, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services, and Bailouts of the Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled “Crowdfunding: Connecting Investors and Job Creators.” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 15, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense, and Foreign Operations, hearing entitled “Defense Department Contracting in Afghanistan: Are We Doing Enough to Combat Corruption?” 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, September 13, full Committee, hearing entitled “STEM in Action: Inspiring the Science and Engineering Workforce of Tomorrow.” 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 15, full Committee, hearing entitled “Out of Thin Air: EPA’s Cross-State Air Pollution Rule.” 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 14, full Committee, hearing entitled “Beyond the Size Standards: Sustainability of Small Business Graduates.” 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

September 15, 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 Veterans’ Affairs, September 13, full Committee, hearing on Veterans Employment Summit, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction: September 13, to hold hearings to examine the history and drivers of our nation’s debt and its threat, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, September 12

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Monday, September 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 4:30 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.J. Res. 66, Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution at 5:30 p.m.

At 6 p.m., there will be a September 11th Remembrance Ceremony on the East Front Steps of the Capitol.

(Senators should gather in the Rotunda at 5:50 p.m. to proceed to a September 11th Remembrance Ceremony on the East Front Steps of the Capitol at 6 p.m.)

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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