

CORRECTION

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1545–1551, and S. Res. 261–265. **Page S5536**

Measures Reported:

S. 1547, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States. **Page S5535**

Measures Passed:

National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 256, designating the week of October 2 through October 8, 2011, as “National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S5583–84**

National Health Information Technology Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 262, designating the week beginning on September 12, 2011, and ending on September 16, 2011, as “National Health Information Technology Week” to recognize the value of health information technology in improving health quality. **Pages S5584–85**

National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 263, designating the week beginning September 11, 2011, as “National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week”. **Pages S5584–85**

National Day of Encouragement: Senate agreed to S. Res. 264, designating September 12, 2011, as “National Day of Encouragement”. **Pages S5584–85**

Honoring E. Thom Rumberger: Senate agreed to S. Res. 265, honoring the lifetime achievements of E. Thom Rumberger. **Pages S5584–85**

Measures Considered:

Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act—Agreement: Senate continued 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. **Pages S5511–13, S5513–29**

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

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on September 12, 2011 was agreed to.

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By 61 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 132), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 14, 2011; and that all time during adjournment, morning business and recess count post-cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination: Mara E. Rudman, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—132)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:59 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2011. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S5585.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Defense for fiscal year 2012.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Lieberman, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

HOUSING FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine housing finance reform, focusing on if there should be a government guarantee, after receiving testimony from Richard K. Green, University of Southern California, Los Angeles; Peter J. Wallison, American Enterprise Institute, and Adam J. Levitin, Georgetown University Law Center, both of Washington, D.C.; and Dwight M. Jaffee, University of California Berkeley Haas School of Business.

TAX REFORM

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth concluded a hearing to examine whether there is a role for tax reform in comprehensive deficit reduction and United States fiscal policy, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Greenspan Associates LLC, and John M. Engler, Business Roundtable, both of Washington, D.C.; John B. Taylor, Stanford University, Stanford, California; Martin Feldstein, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Edward D. Kleinbard, University of Southern California Gould School of Law, Los Angeles.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

AMERICA'S SAFETY TEN YEARS AFTER 9/11

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on if we are safer, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security; Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Matthew G. Olsen, Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

THREATS AGAINST AMERICA'S AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine agro-defense, focusing on responding to threats against America's agriculture and food system, including challenges for the food and agriculture sector in responding to potential terrorist attacks and natural disasters, after receiving testimony from Lisa Shames, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Doug Meckes, Branch Chief, Food, Agriculture, and Veterinary Defense Branch, Office of Health Affairs, Department of Homeland Security; Ted Elkin, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Sheryl Maddux, Deputy Director, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Coordination, and John R. Clifford, Deputy Administrator and Chief Veterinary Officer, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, both of the Department of Agriculture; Colonel John T. Hoffman, USA (Ret.), University of Minnesota National Center for Food Protection and Defense, St. Paul; and Paul Williams, Georgia Emergency Management Agency Division of Homeland Security Agriculture, Food and Veterinary Programs Director, Atlanta.

POVERTY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging concluded a hearing to examine poverty, after receiving testimony from Garrett Adams, Beersheba Springs Medical Center, Beersheba Springs, Tennessee; Sarah Kemble, Desmond Callan Community Health Center, Northfield, Massachusetts; Paula Braveman, University of California San Francisco Center on Social Disparities in Health; Michael F. Cannon, Cato Institute, Washington, D.C.; Tim Hulsey, Bowling Green, Kentucky; and Phyllis Zolotorow, Ellicott City, Maryland.

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Civil Rights Division, after receiving testimony from Thomas E. Perez, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE 9/11 ATTACKS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to examine the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, after receiving testimony from James R. Clapper, Director of National Intelligence, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and David P. Petraeus, Director, Central Intelligence Agency.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 2900–2909; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 77, and H. Res. 397–398, were introduced. **Pages H6138–39**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6139–40**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6101**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6103**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Leroy Adams, Jr., Morning Star Baptist Church, Omaha, Nebraska. **Page H6103**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Surface and Air Transportation Programs Extension Act of 2011: H.R. 2887, to provide an extension of surface and air transportation programs. **Pages H6106–19**

Empowering Parents through Quality Charter Schools Act: The House passed H.R. 2218, to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, by a recorded vote of 365 ayes to 54 noes, Roll No. 705. Consideration of the measure began on September 8th. **Pages H6119–23**

Rejected the Hanabusa motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 704. **Pages H6120–22**

Rejected:

Holt amendment (No. 7 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–200) that was debated on September 8th that sought to encourage the Secretary of Education to include a priority for green school building practices in the application for states to ensure that federal investment in charter school facilities would be energy efficient and environmentally friendly (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 702) and **Page H6119**

King (IA) amendment (No. 8 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–200) that was debated on September 8th that sought to strike subparagraph (d) of subsection (6) of Sec. (9) which is part of the definition of “high quality charter schools.” Sought to strike the following language: “(D) has demonstrated success in increasing student academic achievement for the subgroups of students described in section 1111(b)(2)(C)(v)(II) (by a recorded vote of 43 ayes to 374 noes, Roll No. 703). **Pages H6119–20**

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

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Altmire, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Small Business. **Page H6123**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 398, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H6123**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6119, H6120, H6122, and H6122–23. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINATION OF USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of USDA Rural Development Programs. Testimony was heard from Jonathan S. Adelstein, Administrator, Rural Utilities Services, Department of Agriculture; Judith A. Canales, Administrator, Rural Business and Cooperative Services, Department of Agriculture; and Tammye H. Treviño, Administrator, Rural Housing Services, Department of Agriculture.

FUTURE OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND THE U.S. MILITARY TEN YEARS AFTER 9/11

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on The Future of National Defense and the U.S. Military Ten Years After 9/11: Perspectives from Outside Experts. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WORKFORCE CHALLENGES FACING THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Workforce Challenges Facing the Agriculture Industry.” Testimony was heard from Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a 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.” Both bills were forwarded, without amendment.

ENSURING APPROPRIATE REGULATORY OVERSIGHT OF BROKER-DEALERS AND LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE INVESTMENT ADVISER OVERSIGHT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Ensuring Appropriate Regulatory Oversight of Broker-Dealers and Legislative Proposals to Improve Investment Adviser Oversight.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy and Technology held a hearing entitled “Road Map to Sound Money: A Legislative

Hearing on H.R. 1098 and Restoring the Dollar.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EVOLUTION OF DRUG CARTELS AND THE THREAT TO MEXICO’S GOVERNANCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a joint hearing entitled “Has Mérida Evolved? Part One: The Evolution of Drug Cartels and the Threat to Mexico’s Governance.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TEN YEARS AFTER 9/11: CAN TERRORISTS STILL EXPLOIT OUR VISA SYSTEM?

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Ten Years after 9/11: Can Terrorists Still Exploit our Visa System?” Testimony was heard from Thomas Winkowski, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Edward Ramotowski, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; John Cohen, Deputy Counter-Terrorism, Coordinator, Department of Homeland Security; Peter T. Edge, Deputy Associate Director, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and Richard Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 822, the “National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011.” Testimony was heard from Charles H. Ramsey, Commissioner, Philadelphia Police Department; and public witnesses. Committee on Natural Resources.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a 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.” Testimony was heard from Sen. Hatch; Rep. Rehberg; Rep. Herger; Rep. Foxx; Rep. Labrador; Jerry Taylor, Mayor, Escalante City, UT; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a 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. Testimony was heard from Walter Cruickshank, Deputy Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement; and public witnesses.

PRESIDENT’S PROPOSAL TO STIMULATE THE ECONOMY AND CREATE JOBS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending held a hearing entitled “Take Two: The President’s Proposal to Stimulate the Economy and Create Jobs.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STEM IN ACTION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “STEM in Action: Inspiring the Science and Engineering Workforce of Tomorrow.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**OUR NATION’S DEBT**

Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the history and drivers of our nation’s debt and its threat, after receiving testimony from Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14, 2011**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

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

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup proposed

budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

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

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 Commerce, Science, and Transportation: 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 Finance: to hold hearings to examine tax reform options, focusing on marginal rates on high-income taxpayers, capital gains and dividends, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine securing the pharmaceutical supply chain, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act of 2011”, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: 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.

House

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

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Federal Role in Public School Accountability.” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.

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

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

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

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Promoting Peace? Reexamining U.S. Aid to the Palestinian Authority, Part II.” 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled “United States Secret Service: Examining Protective and Investigative Missions and Challenges in 2012.” 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Transportation Security, markup of the Subcommittee print to authorize the programs of the Transportation Security Administration relating to the provision of transportation security, and for other purposes, entitled the “Transportation Security Administration Authorization Act of 2011.” 10:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, 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, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Creating American Jobs by Harnessing Our Resources: Domestic Mining Opportunities and Hurdles.” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

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.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “How A Broken Process Leads to Flawed Regulations.” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup of legislation regarding the “Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act.” 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.J. Res. 66, Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 14

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 2867—United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reform and Reauthorization Act of 2011 and H.J. Res. 77—Relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to increase the debt limit, as submitted under section 3101A of title 31, United States Code, on August 2, 2011.

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