

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7093–S7144

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1795–1809, and S. Res. 310–311. **Page S7127**

Measures Reported:

S. 75, to restore the rule that agreements between manufacturers and retailers, distributors, or wholesalers to set the minimum price below which the manufacturer's product or service cannot be sold violates the Sherman Act.

S. 1487, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1759, to facilitate the hosting in the United States of the 34th America's Cup by authorizing certain eligible vessels to participate in activities related to the competition. **Page S7126**

Measures Passed:

Uintah Water Conservancy District: Senate passed H.R. 818, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District. **Page S7142**

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards Act: Senate passed S. 1487, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7142**

America's Cup Act: Senate passed S. 1759, to facilitate the hosting in the United States of the 34th America's Cup by authorizing certain eligible vessels to participate in activities related to the competition, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7142–43**

Reid (for Feinstein/Toomey) Amendment No. 923, to authorize issuance of certificates of docu-

mentation authorizing certain vessels to engage in coastwise trade in the carriage of natural gas.

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Authorize Printing: Senate agreed to S. Res. 311, to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate. **Page S7143**

Measures Considered:

Rebuild America Jobs Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1769, to put workers back on the job while rebuilding and modernizing America. **Pages S7095–S7113**

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

By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 195), Senate rejected the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, November 2, 2011, the motion having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Page S7113**

Long-Term Surface Transportation Extension Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1786, to facilitate job creation by reducing regulatory uncertainty, providing for rational evaluation of regulations, providing flexibilities to States and localities, providing for infrastructure spending. **Pages S7095–S7113**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action: By 47 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 196), Senate rejected the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, November 2, 2011, the motion having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Page S7113**

3% Withholding Repeal and Job Creation Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 674, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the imposition of 3 percent withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities, to modify the calculation of modified adjusted gross income for purposes of determining eligibility for certain healthcare-related programs. **Page S7141**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII

of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, November 3, 2011, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, November 7, 2011. **Page S7141**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, November 7, 2011, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill with 30 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled between Senators Baucus and Hatch, or their designees.

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House Messages:

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: Senate insisted on its amendments to H.R. 2112, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, agreed to a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Kohl, Harkin, Feinstein, Johnson (SD), Nelson (NE), Pryor, Brown (OH), Inouye, Murray, Mikulski, Blunt, Cochran, McConnell, Collins, Moran, Hoenes, Hutchison, and Shelby.

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Internet and Broadband Industry Practices Regulating—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, the Republican Leader, or his designee, be recognized to move to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 6, disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to regulating the Internet and broadband industry practices; that there be up to four hours of debate on the motion to proceed, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the adoption of the motion to proceed; that if the motion is successful, then the time for debate with respect to the joint resolution be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the joint resolution be read a third time and Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; and that all other provisions of the statute governing consideration of the joint resolution remain in effect. **Page S7141**

Cross-Border Air Pollution—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the order with respect to S.J. Res. 6, also apply to S.J. Res. 27, disapproving a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the mitigation by States of cross-border air pollution

under the Clean Air Act, with the only exception being two hours of debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to the vote on the motion to proceed. **Page S7141**

Wallach Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, the Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Evan Jonathan Wallach, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit; that there be 15 minutes 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.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Richard G. Andrews, of Delaware, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware.

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By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 197), Scott Wesley Skavdahl, of Wyoming, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming.

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Alan B. Krueger, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—197) **Pages S7113, S7115–16**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S7143.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CONSUMER FINANCIAL MARKETPLACE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine empowering and protecting servicemembers, their families and veterans in the consumer financial marketplace, after receiving testimony from Hollister K. Petraeus, Assistant Director, Office of Servicemember Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Bonnie Spain, Rushmore Consumer Credit Resource Center, Rapid City, South Dakota; Admiral Steve Abbot, USN (Ret.), Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, and Frank Pollack, Pentagon Federal Credit Union, both of Washington, D.C.; and Kevin Bergner, United Services Automobile Association, San Antonio, Texas.

SPECULATION AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE DODD-FRANK ACT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine speculation and compliance with the “Dodd-Frank Act”, after receiving

testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and Paul N. Cicio, Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), Tyson Slocum, Public Citizen, and Wallace C. Turbeville, Better Markets, Inc., all of Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 75, to restore the rule that agreements between manufacturers and retailers, distributors, or wholesalers to set the minimum price below which the manufacturer’s product or service cannot be sold violates the Sherman Act; and

The nominations of Stephanie Dawn Thacker, of West Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Michael Walter Fitzgerald, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Ronnie Abrams, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Rudolph Contreras, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Miranda Du, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 3332–3363; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 83; H. Con. Res. 84–85; and H. Res. 454–457 were introduced. **Pages H7329–32**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7332–33**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2840, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to regulate discharges from commercial vessels, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–266) and

H. Res. 455, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2838) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2012 through 2015, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–267). **Page H7329**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fitzpatrick to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7259**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:31 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7268**

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012: The House disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to H.R. 2112, making consolidated appropriations for the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and requested a conference with the Senate.

Pages H7374–79, H7288–89

Agreed to the Dicks motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a yea-and-nay vote of 265 yeas to 160 nays, Roll No. 822. **Pages H7374–79, H7288–89**

The Chair appointed the following conferees: Representatives Rogers (KY), Young (FL), Lewis (CA), Wolf, Kingston, Latham, Aderholt, Emerson, Culberson, Carter, Bonner, LaTourette, Dicks, DeLauro, Olver, Pastor, Price (NC), Farr, Fattah, and Schiff. **Page H7289**

Access to Capital for Job Creators Act: The House passed H.R. 2940, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to eliminate the prohibition against general solicitation as a requirement for a

certain exemption under Regulation D, by a recorded vote of 413 ayes to 11 noes, Roll No. 828.

Pages H7279–88, H7289–95, H7311–14

Rejected the DeFazio motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 827.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

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Rejected:

Miller (NC) amendment (printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–265) that sought to require disclosure of bonus compensation structures and “golden parachute” arrangements in advertising materials associated with an exempted offering (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 826).

Pages H7294–95, H7311–12

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. 453, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2930) and (H.R. 2940) was agreed to by voice vote after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 821.

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Entrepreneur Access to Capital Act: The House passed H.R. 2930, to amend the securities laws to provide for registration exemptions for certain crowd-funded securities, by a recorded vote of 407 ayes to 17 noes, Roll No. 825.

Pages H7279–88, H7295–H7311

Rejected the Holt motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 824.

Pages H7310–11

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Agreed to:

McHenry amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–265) that makes technical corrections. The amendment also requires the issuer to state a target offering amount and a deadline to reach the target offering amount. It requires that the Securities and Exchange Commission is provided a notice upon completion of the offering, which shall include the aggregate offering amount and the number of purchasers. Clarifies the disqualification provision to ensure that both issuers and intermediaries, as well as their predecessors, affiliates, officers, directors, or

persons fulfilling similar roles, are disqualified from the exemption established in this bill should they have a history of committing securities fraud;

Pages H7301–02

Fincher amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–265) that indexes to inflation the \$1 million and \$2 million aggregate annual amounts raised through the issue of the securities as authorized in the bill. The index for inflation would be measured by the annual change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics;

Pages H7302–03

Quayle amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–265) that indexes the \$10,000 individual investment cap to inflation; and

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Perlmutter amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–265) that preserves a state’s right to enforce securities laws with respect to fraud, deceit or unlawful conduct.

Pages H7306–08

Rejected:

Barrow amendment (No. 5 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–265) that sought to require the Commission to establish a website that provides the public with crowdfunding website safety tips for investing in securities described under section 4(6) and

Pages H7304–06

Velázquez amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–265) that sought to require crowdfunding intermediaries to disclose their method of compensation to potential investors (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 823).

Pages H7303–04, H7308–09

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

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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 Members of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People’s Republic of China: Representatives Kaptur and Honda.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H7233, H7308, H7322 and H7324.

Senate Referrals: S. 271, S. 535, S. 684, S. 897, and S. 997 were referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and S. 278, S. 683, and S. 808 were held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7288, H7288–89, H7309, H7310–11, H7311, H7311–12, H7313 and H7314. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CHESAPEAKE BAY TMDL WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry held a hearing to review the Implementation of Phase II of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Watershed Implementation Plans and their impacts on rural communities. Testimony was heard from Shawn M. Garvin, Region 3 Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Michael Krancer, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection; and public witnesses.

INSTITUTIONALIZING IRREGULAR WARFARE CAPABILITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Institutionalizing Irregular Warfare Capabilities. Testimony was heard from Major General Peter Bayer, USA, Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy, U.S. Army; Rear Admiral Sinclair M. Harris, USN, Director, Navy Irregular Warfare Office, U.S. Navy; Brigadier General Daniel O'Donohue, USMC, Director, Capabilities Development Directorate, U.S. Marine Corps; and Brigadier General Jerry P. Martinez, USAF, Director for Joint Integration, Directorate of Operational Capability Requirements, U.S. Air Force.

SEAPOWER AND PROJECTION FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces; and the Subcommittee on Readiness held a joint hearing on a day without Seapower and Projection Forces. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Bruce W. Clingan, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Planning and Strategy (N3/5), Lieutenant General Richard P. Mills, USMC, Deputy Commander for Combat Development and Integration, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, and Major General John W. Hesterman III, USAF, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans, and Requirements (A3/5), U.S. Air Force.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Examining Regulatory and Enforcement Actions Under the Fair Labor Standards Act.” Testimony was heard from Nancy J. Leppink, Deputy Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a business meeting to consider a motion authorizing the issuance of subpoenas for certain records of the Executive Office of the President and the Office of the Vice President. The Chairman was authorized to issue subpoenas.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a markup of H.R. 1633, the “Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011.” The bill was forwarded, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on legislation regarding the “Private Mortgage Market Investment Act.” Testimony was heard from Edward J. DeMarco, Acting Director, Federal Housing Finance Administration; and public witnesses.

RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION PROPOSAL

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “The Obama Administration’s Rental Assistance Demonstration Proposal.” Testimony was heard from Sandra B. Henriquez, Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Ismael Guerrero, Executive Director, Housing Authority, City and County of Denver; and public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL–EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON CHINA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Congressional-Executive Commission on China: 2011 Annual Report.” Testimony was heard from Rep. Smith of New Jersey; Rep. Walz of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing entitled “2014 and Beyond: U.S. Policy toward Afghanistan

and Pakistan, Part I.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TSA REFORM

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “TSA Reform: Exploring Innovations in Technology Procurement to Stimulate Job Growth, Part III.” Testimony was heard from Nick Nayak, Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Robin E. Kane, Assistant Administrator, Security Technology, Transportation Security Administration; Paul Benda, Chief of Staff, Director, Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency; Department of Homeland Security; and Charles K. Edwards, Acting Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections held a hearing entitled “Federal Election Commission: Reviewing Policies, Processes and Procedures.” Testimony was heard from the following Federal Election Commission officials: Cynthia L. Bauerly, Chair, Federal Election Commission; Caroline C. Hunter, Vice Chair; Donald F. McGahn II, Commissioner; Matthew S. Petersen, Commissioner; Steven T. Walther, Commissioner; and Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 1254, the “Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2011”; H.R. 3010, the “Regulatory Accountability Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2369, to amend title 36, United States Code, to provide for an additional power for the American Legion under its Federal charter. H.R. 2369 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1254 and H.R. 3010 were both ordered reported, as amended.

FLORIDA EVERGLADES RESTORATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled “Florida Everglades Restoration: What are the Priorities?” Testimony was heard from Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of Defense; Rachel Jacobson, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following: H.R. 1980, the “Gold Star Mothers National Monument Act of 2011”; H.R. 2070,

the “World War II Memorial Prayer Act of 2011”; H.R. 2621, the “Chimney Rock National Monument Establishment Act”; and H.R. 3155, the “Northern Arizona Mining Continuity Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from Sen. Hatch; Sen. McCain; Sen. Bennet; Rep. Franks of Arizona; Rep. Flake; Rep. Runyan; Rep. Johnson of Ohio; Rep. Tipton; Robert V. Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management; Department of the Interior; Mary Wagner, Associate Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Robert V. Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Mary Wagner, Associate Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Buster Johnson, Supervisor, Mohave County, Arizona; Karen Wenrich, Research Geologist, Geological Survey, (ret.); Robert V. Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Mary Wagner, Associate Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on the following: H.R. 205, the “HEARTH Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2362, the “Indian Tribal Trade and Investment Demonstration Project Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from Rep. Cole; Rep. Heinrich; and Michael S. Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 3029, the “Reducing the Size of the Federal Government Through Attrition Act of 2011”; H.R. 3262, the “Government Results Transparency Act”; H.R. 3237, the “SOAR Technical Corrections Act”; H.R. 2297, to promote the development of the Southwest waterfront in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; H.R. 3289, the “Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2011”; H.R. 298, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 East Whitestone Boulevard in Cedar Park, Texas, as the “Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris Post Office Building”; H.R. 2079, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, as the “John J. Cook Post Office”; H.R. 2158, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14901 Adelfa Drive in La Mirada, California, as the “Wayne Grisham Post Office”; H.R. 2415, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Dock Street in Pittston, Pennsylvania, as the “Trooper Joshua D. Miller Post Office Building”; H.R. 2422, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service

located at 45 Bay Street, Suite 2, in Staten Island, New York, as the “Sergeant Angel Mendez Post Office”; H.R. 2660, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 North Holderrieth Boulevard in Tomball, Texas, as the “Tomball Veterans Post Office”; H.R. 2767, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8 West Silver Street in Westfield, Massachusetts, as the “William T. Trant Post Office Building”; H.R. 3004, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 260 California Drive in Yountville, California, as the “Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz Post Office Building”; H.R. 3220, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 Evergreen Square SW in Pine City, Minnesota, as the “Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder Post Office”; H.R. 3246, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the “Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building”; H.R. 3247, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the “Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building”; H.R. 3248, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the “Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building”; and S. 1412, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 462 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts, as the “Officer John Maguire Post Office” The following were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 3289; H.R. 298; H.R. 2079; H.R. 2158; H.R. 2415; H.R. 2422; H.R. 2660; H.R. 2767; H.R. 3004; H.R. 3220; H.R. 3246; H.R. 3247; H.R. 3248; and S. 1412. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 3029; H.R. 3289; H.R. 3237; and H.R. 2297.

COAST GUARD AND MARINE TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 2011

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2838, the “Coast Guard and Marine Transportation Act of 2011.” The Committee granted, by record vote of 8 to 4, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment the Rules Committee Print of H.R. 2838 dated October 28, 2011 and provides that the print shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the Rules Committee Print. The rule makes in order

only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report.

The rule provides that the Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure or their designee, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The original proponent of an amendment included in such amendments may insert a statement in the Congressional Record immediately before the disposition of the amendments en bloc. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of November 4, 2011, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to a measure addressing the applicability of the coastwise trade laws.

Testimony was heard from Rep. LoBiondo; Rep. Larsen of Washington; Rep. Bishop of New York; Rep. Napolitano; Rep. Richardson; Rep. Palazzo; Rep. Thompson of Mississippi; and Rep. Baldwin.

STEM IN ACTION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing entitled “STEM In Action: Transferring Knowledge from the Workplace to the Classroom.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRO-GROWTH TAX POLICY

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “Pro-Growth Tax Policy: Why Small Businesses Need Individual Tax Reform.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2112, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing on H.R. 3035,

the “Mobile Informational Call Act of 2011.” 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “21st Century Law Enforcement: How Smart Policing Targets Criminal Behavior.” 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Jobs at Risk: Waste and Mismanagement by the Obama Administration in Rewriting the Stream Buffer Zone Rule.” 10:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing entitled “Identity Theft and Tax Fraud: Growing Problems for the Internal Revenue Service.” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “A Review and Analysis of the Proposed \$400 Million Los Angeles, California Federal Courthouse Project.” 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

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