

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2011.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 3364–3396; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 84; H. Con. Res. 86; and H. Res. 458–460 were introduced. **Pages H7397–99**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7399–H7400**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 915, to establish a Border Enforcement Security Task Force program to enhance border security by fostering coordinated efforts among Federal, State, and local border and law enforcement officials to protect United States border cities and communities from trans-national crime, including violence associated with drug trafficking, arms smuggling, illegal alien trafficking and smuggling, violence, and kidnapping along and across the international borders of the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–268);

H.R. 1447, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–269);

H.R. 1165, to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish an Ombudsman Office within the Transportation Security Administration for the purpose of enhancing transportation security by providing confidential, informal, and neutral assistance to address work-place related problems of Transportation Security Administration employees, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–270);

H.R. 1801, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for expedited security screenings for

members of the Armed Forces, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–271); and

H. Res. 255, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that effective sharing of passenger information from inbound international flight manifests is a crucial component of our national security and that the Department of Homeland Security must maintain the information sharing standards required under the 2007 Passenger Name Record Agreement between the United States and the European Union (H. Rept. 112–272). **Pages H7396–97**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 a.m. **Page H7340**

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

America's Cup Act of 2011: H.R. 3321, 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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 387 yeas to 2 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 831. **Pages H7342–44**

Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2011: The House began consideration of H.R. 2838, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2012 through 2015. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H7337–42, H7344–80**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules Committee Print dated October 28, 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 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill. **Page H7352**

Agreed to:

LoBiondo en bloc amendment that consists of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 112–267: LoBiondo amendment (No. 1) that adds a new section providing the Secretary authority to extend the duration of medical certificates issued to merchant mariners, requires the Coast Guard to study the efficacy of requiring the carriage of certain survival craft, makes several technical and clarifying changes, and adds a new title providing new authorities to suppress the threat of piracy and protect U.S. vessels and mariners transiting high risk waters; Shuler amendment (No. 2) that requires the Coast Guard to give priority to persons that manufacture materials, parts, and components in the United States when entering into contracts and placing orders under Sec. 208(a); McIntyre amendment (No. 11) that adds to the purpose section of the establishment of the Committee on the Marine Transportation System (Section 401) that it coordinate with local businesses to promote an efficient marine transportation system; Cummings amendment (No. 12) that expands the information the Maritime Administration is required to include in the determinations it makes of the availability of qualified United States flag capacity to carry cargo between two points in the United States when a waiver of Jones Act requirements pertaining to such carriage is sought; McCaul amendment (No. 14) that prohibits the U.S. Coast Guard from delegating vessel inspections from organizations that also provide these services on behalf of any State Sponsor of Terrorism—such as Iran, Sudan and Syria; Murphy (CT) amendment (No. 16) that gives manufacturers the opportunity to provide information to contracting officers regarding how their bid for a contract will affect domestic employment; Brown (FL) amendment (No. 17) that prohibits the Army Corps of Engineers from applying any additional peer review studies to the Jacksonville Port dredging project; and Ribble amendment (No. 18) that changes the legislative description of a commercial vessel to include all Federally owned and operated vessels, exempting military, Department of Defense, and Coast Guard vessels; **Pages H7363–65**

Huizenga amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 112–267) that freezes the Environmental Protection Agency's current vessel discharge regulatory framework for certain vessels of historic significance; and **Pages H7376–77**

Napolitano amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–267) that gives distant water tuna vessels in the Western Pacific Ocean the option of using Guam as their required port of call in order to meet U.S. maritime regulations (by a recorded vote of 364 ayes to 37 noes, Roll No. 834).

Pages H7368–71, H7378–79

Rejected:

Cummings amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–267) that sought to strike a provision that would eliminate an existing statutory requirement that the Coast Guard appoint an ombudsman in each Coast Guard District (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 832);

Pages H7365–66, H7377–78

Thompson (MS) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–267) that sought to add a new section to the end of title II of to open admissions to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy to eligible candidates nominated by Congress. Specifically, the amendment would require the U.S. Coast Guard to ensure that, beginning in academic year 2014, half of the incoming class is composed of eligible candidates nominated by the Vice President or, if there is no Vice President, by the President pro tempore of the Senate; Senators; Representatives; and Delegates to the House of Representatives (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 218 noes, Roll No. 833);

Pages H7366–67, H7378

Bishop (NY) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–267) that sought to provide states the authority to impose more protective operational requirements on the discharge of ballast water within state resource waters (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 835); and

Pages H7371–76, H7379–80

Slaughter amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–267) that sought to strike Title VII (by a recorded vote of 161 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 836).

Pages H7339–40, H7374–76, H7380

Withdrawn:

Palazzo amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–267) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have struck section 303 of the bill which places unneeded and harmful restrictions on the future contracting and construction of the United States Coast Guard National Security Cutter and

Pages H7367–68

Olson amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 112–267) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required the Commandant of the Coast Guard, in consultation with appropriate representatives of industry, to conduct a feasibility study to determine the capability, cost, and benefits of requiring the owner or operator of a manned facility, installation, unit, or vessel to locate a standby vessel nearby.

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H. Res. 455, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 166 nays, Roll No. 830, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 829.

Pages H7377, H7340–41

Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 2061: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 86, to direct the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 2061.

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Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards Act of 2011: The House 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.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, November 7th; when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 10th; and when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, November 14th.

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National Commission for the Review of the Research and Development Programs of the United States Intelligence Community—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the National Commission for the Review of the Research and Development Programs of the United States Intelligence Community: Representative Conaway.

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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 H7340–41, H7341, H7343–44, H7377–78, H7378, H7379, H7379–80 and H7380. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 3035, the "Mobile Informational Call Act of 2011." Testimony was heard from Greg Zoeller, Attorney General, Indiana; and public witnesses.

21ST CENTURY LAW ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled "21st Century Law Enforcement: How Smart Policing Targets Criminal Behavior." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STREAM BUFFER ZONE RULE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled

"Jobs at Risk: Waste and Mismanagement by the Obama Administration in Rewriting the Stream Buffer Zone Rule." Testimony was heard from Joseph G. Pizarchik, Director, Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement.

IDENTITY THEFT AND TAX FRAUD

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management held a hearing entitled "Identity Theft and Tax Fraud: Growing Problems for the Internal Revenue Service." Testimony was heard from J. Russell George, Inspector General, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; Steven T. Miller, Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service; and Ronald Cimino, Deputy Assistant, Attorney General for Criminal Tax Matters, Department of Justice, Tax Division.

CALIFORNIA FEDERAL COURT HOUSE PROJECT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled "A Review and Analysis of the Proposed \$400 Million Los Angeles, California Federal Courthouse Project." Testimony was heard from Margaret M. Morrow, District Judge, U.S. District Court, Central District of California; Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; and Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office.

Joint Meetings

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the employment situation for October 2011, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, November 7

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Monday, November 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 674, 3% Withholding Repeal and Job Creation Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

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

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