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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, 2011, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2011

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 9, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVEN C. LATOURETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Loving and gracious God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Bless the Members of this assembly as they set upon the work of these hours, of these days. Help them to make wise decisions in a good manner and to carry their responsibilities steadily, with high hopes for a better future for our great Nation.

Deepen their faith; widen their sympathies; heighten their aspirations; and give them the strength to do what ought to be done for this country. Give them the wisdom and perseverance to work together constructively to address the pressing issues facing our Nation.

May Your blessing, O God, be with them and with us all this day and every day to come, and may all we do be done

for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday next for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, December 12, 2011, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4236. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Nectarines and Fresh Peaches Grown in California; Termination of Marketing Order 916 and the Peach Provision of Marketing Order 917 [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-11-0018; FV11-916/917-4 FR] received November 17, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4237. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Cotton Board Rules and Regulations: Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports; Corrections [Doc. No.: AMS-CN-11-0026C; CN-11-002] received November 17, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4238. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Christmas Tree Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Referendum Procedures [Document No.: AMS-FV-10-0008-FR] (RIN: 0581-AD00) received November 17, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4239. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Permanent Certification Program for Health Information Technology; Revisions to ONC-Approved Accreditor Processes (RIN: 0991-AB77) received November 23, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4240. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Adhesives and Sealants Rule [EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0491; EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0570; FRL-9480-5] received October 11, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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4241. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio and Indiana; Redesignation of the Ohio and Indiana Portions Cincinnati-Hamilton Area to Attainment of the 1997 Annual Standard for Fine Particulate matter [EPA-R05-OAR-2011-0017; EPA-R05-OAR-2011-0106; FRL-9480-6] received October 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4242. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; South Carolina; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference; Correction [SC-201152; FRL-9480-3] received October 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4243. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Transportation Conformity Regulations [EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0788; FRL-9480-8] received October 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4244. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Special Rules Governing Certain Information Obtained Under the Clean Air Act: Technical Correction [EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0924; FRL-9479-8] (RIN: 2060-xxx) received October 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4245. A letter from the Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-54; Introduction [Docket FAR 2011-0076; Sequence 6] received November 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4246. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (RIN: 1990-AA34) received November 17, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4247. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 30808; Amdt. No. 3448] received November 10, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4248. A letter from the Branch Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — General Rule for Taxable Year of Deduction (Rev. Rul. 2011-29) received November 17, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4249. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Extending Religious and Family Member FICA and FUTA Exceptions to Disregarded Entities [TD 9554] (RIN: 1545-BJ07) received November 3, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4250. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — O'Donnabhain v. Commission 134 T.C. 34 (2010) [T.C. Docket No.: 6402-06] received November 3, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4251. A letter from the Chief, Publication and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property (Rev. Rul. 2011-31) received November 18, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4252. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Trusts for the Distribution of Gaming Revenues to Indian Minors (Rev. Proc. 2011-56) received November 22, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4253. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Application of Section 108(e)(8) to Indebtedness Satisfied by a Partnership Interest [TD 9557] (RIN: 1545-BF27) received November 22, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4254. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Publication of the Tier 2 Tax Rates received November 18, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4255. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Application of General Welfare Exclusion to Benefits Provided under Indian Tribal Government Programs [Notice 2011-94] received November 18, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

[The following action occurred on December 9, 2011]

H.R. 1981. Referral to the Committee on Energy and Commerce extended for a period ending not later than December 16, 2011.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. CAMP (for himself, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. UPTON, and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN):

H.R. 3630. A bill to provide incentives for the creation of jobs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, Foreign Affairs, Transportation and Infrastructure, Agriculture, Oversight and Government Reform, House Administration, the Budget, Natural Resources, Rules, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HIGGINS (for himself and Mr. STIVERS):

H.R. 3631. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to preserve homeland security capability gains achieved through the Urban Area Security Initiative program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. CAMP:

H.R. 3630.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 7 and Clause 18 of Section 8, of Article 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. HIGGINS:

H.R. 3631.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 1058: Mr. CARNAHAN.

H.R. 1195: Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina.

H.R. 2313: Mr. HUNTER, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. MACK, Mr. HANNA, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. CARTER, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. NUNNELEE, Mr. OLSON, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. BUCSHON, and Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan.

H.R. 3179: Mr. SCHOCK and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 3574: Mr. RAHALL and Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

FORT PULASKI NATIONAL MONUMENT LEASE AUTHORIZATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 5, 2011

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support passage of S. 535, the Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act, which would allow the Savannah Bar Pilots 10-year leases for their operating base on Cockspur Island which they have used continuously in cooperation with the National Park Service since 1940. I also would like to thank Chairman HASTINGS and Chairman BISHOP for holding hearings and bringing this bill to the Floor today.

The Savannah Bar Pilots were founded in 1864, making them one of the nation's oldest pilots associations. Since then, they have helped Savannah grow into the nation's fourth largest seaport and fastest growing port on the East Coast. Bar Pilots assist cargo ships navigating the Savannah River and guide them 20 miles upriver to either the Georgia Port Authority's Garden City Terminal or Ocean Terminal, both of which make up the Savannah Port.

The Bar Pilots' expertise is essential in helping ships reach the terminals. Every cargo ship above 200 gross tons—which is nearly every ship that calls on the Port of Savannah—must have a bar pilot on board. After an incoming ship contacts the pilots and a meeting is established, the pilots depart from their operating base on Cockspur Island and are ferried on one of several pilot boats up to 12 miles offshore to the “pilotage grounds.” There they board the cargo ship and safely guide them through the channel. Cockspur Island is the ideal location for the operating base, situated just inside the mouth of the Savannah River separating the north and south channel. Other than this location, there is no other available land near the Savannah River entrance from which the pilot boats can quickly and efficiently reach the pilotage grounds in the Atlantic. If the pilots are forced to move, they would have to move inland, leading to longer transit times and ship delays, increased safety risks in stormy weather, and increased fuel usage. The Bar Pilots' use of the Park Service land is a unique situation in which the pilots provide a crucial public service and also act as good neighbors to one of Coastal Georgia's most treasured historic sites.

S. 535 will allow the Bar Pilots to have 10-year leases with the National Park Service. Bar Pilots have been using this land since 1940 under a Special Lease Permit agreement, sometimes having to renew the permit on a year-to-year basis. The National Park Service, the Bar Pilots, and local authorities have worked together to draft this language which will save all parties involved time and paperwork. Additionally, the language protects

the integrity of the park and Fort Pulaski National Monument. The language explicitly states that the rental fee paid by the Bar Pilots will be based on a fair market value and be subject to change by the Secretary of the Interior if property preservation, maintenance, or repair require increased outlays. This bill is identical to H.R. 4773, also titled the Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act, which passed the House during the 111th Congress.

I thank Chairman HASTINGS and Ranking Member LUJÁN for their support of S. 535, and I urge my colleagues to pass the bill.

HONORING JEREMIAH THOR SANCHO

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 9, 2011

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and service of Jeremiah Thor Sancho, a Specialist with the United States Army, who laid down his life for our freedoms on October 13, 2011, while performing his duties in the Kandahar Province of Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Mr. Sancho was a JRROTC Member and 2006 Graduate of Palm Bay High School, who honorably served his country as a member of the A Troop, 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York.

Mr. Sancho's military decorations include: The Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Army Service Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Action Badge, and the National Defense Medal.

Jeremiah, or “Jerry” as he was better known to friends and loved ones, is survived by his wife, RaiAnne Sancho; his loving parents Janet and Bernardo Diaz; Sister, Jaell Diaz; Brothers Bernardo “E.J.” Diaz, Jovon A. Diaz; Aunt, Darlene Caraballo; Uncle, Edward Anthony Izquierdo; Grand Parents, Edward Izquierdo, Enrique Diaz, Gary and Jeannie Boyer; Mother-in-law, Sharon Bocco; Father-in-law, Joe Bocco; Brother-in-law, Joseph Bocco; Sister-in-law, Catherine Bocco; and many more friends and family members. Several hundred people attended the memorial service that was conducted at the First Baptist Church of Melbourne in Melbourne, Florida on October 28, 2011.

Jerry will be remembered by those who admired him as a fun loving, avid comic-book fan, gamer, and budding artist. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

There's no greater honor than to lay your life down for another. Jeremiah T Sancho paid the ultimate sacrifice and we'll always remember him for that. We've lost another great

American, and he will be truly missed. Jerry is a true hero.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 9, 2011

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, due to illness, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

December 6, 2011

Rollcall vote 889, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 10) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law, and for other purposes—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 890, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 10) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law, and for other purposes—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 891, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, To amend section 2710 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that a video tape service provider may obtain a consumer's informed, written consent on an ongoing basis and that consent may be obtained through the Internet—I would have voted “aye.”

December 7, 2011

Rollcall vote 892, On Motion to Instruct Conferees, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 893, On Motion to Close Portions of Conference, To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 894, On Motion to Instruct Conferees, Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 895, Johnson of Georgia Part B Amendment No. 2, On Agreeing to the Amendment—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 896, Schrader of Oregon Part B Amendment No. 3, On Agreeing to the Amendment—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 897, McCarthy of New York Part B Amendment No. 5, On Agreeing to the Amendment—I would have voted “nay.”

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Rollcall vote 898, Jackson Lee of Texas Part B Amendment No. 6, On Agreeing to the Amendment—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 899 Moore of Wisconsin Part B Amendment No. 7, On Agreeing to the Amendment—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 900, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, To amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 901, On Passage, To amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law—I would have voted “aye.”

December 8, 2011

Rollcall vote 902, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of H.R. 1633, the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 903, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of H.R. 1633, the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 904, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, Synthetic Drug Control Act—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 905, On Approving the Journal—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 906, Rush of Illinois Amendment No. 1, On agreeing to the Amendment—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 907, Christensen of the Virgin Islands Amendment No. 2, On Agreeing to the Amendment—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 908, Markey of Massachusetts Amendment No. 4, On Agreeing to the Amendment—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 909, Waxman of California Amendment No. 5, On Agreeing to the Amendment—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 910, Al Green of Texas Amendment No. 8, On Agreeing to the Amendment—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 911, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, To establish a temporary prohibition against revising any national ambient air quality standard applicable to coarse particulate matter, to limit Federal regulation of nuisance dust in areas in which such dust is regulated under State, tribal, or local law, and for other purposes—I would have voted “nay.”

Rollcall vote 912, On Passage, To establish a temporary prohibition against revising any national ambient air quality standard applicable to coarse particulate matter, to limit Federal regulation of nuisance dust in areas in which such dust is regulated under State, tribal, or local law, and for other purposes—I would have voted “aye.”

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF ATTACK
ON PEARL HARBOR

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 9, 2011

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. A beautiful Sunday morning on December 7, 1941 in O’ahu, Hawaii was darkened by a surprise and brutal attack on the United States Naval Station at Pearl Harbor.

More than 2,400 Americans lost their lives that day while over 1,200 suffered from injuries protecting not only the base and the country they loved. The attack led to the entry of the United States into World War II, the most transformative event of the 21st century. In addressing the Congress the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor, President Franklin D.

Roosevelt said that “yesterday, December 7, [is] a date which will live in infamy.” Today we remember those who sacrificed their lives that day in the defense of our country and honor the patriots who continue to carry the memory of this day through their daily lives.

Mr. Speaker, the attack on Pearl Harbor brings back the same emotions we experienced on September 11, 2001. We were stunned, shocked, horrified, but united in our resolve to protect our homeland and defeat our adversaries. Long Beach, California, which is located in my district, played a critical role in this effort. It was one of the leading centers of military activity on the West Coast. Along the Pacific coast of Long Beach were several Navy shipbuilding and repair yards, Coast Guard stations, supply depots, and transport facilities. It is no exaggeration to state that Long Beach was a critical component of the “Arsenal of Democracy” that was the United States.

Mr. Speaker, the war that began on December 7, 1941 with the attack on Pearl Harbor ended on August 15, 1945, with Japan’s unconditional surrender. In keeping with our national character, the United States did not gloat in victory, extract reparations from a vanquished foe, or occupy and oppress a conquered people. Rather, the United States helped Japan rebuild its economy and transform itself into a great democracy. The peace treaty that was signed on September 2, 1945, on the decks of the U.S.S. *Missouri* ushered into being a friendship that grows stronger and more important with every passing year. Japan is now one of our strongest allies and major trading partners.

As we reflect on the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, let us remember the sacrifices of the men and women who perished that day in defense of the land we love.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2011.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 3630–3631, were introduced. **Page H8322**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8322**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8321**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

the nomination of Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, and if cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination. Following disposition of the nomination of Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: December 13, to hold hearings to examine MF Global bankruptcy, 10 a.m., SH-216.

December 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine certain nominations, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: December 13, business meeting to consider the nominations of Maurice A. Jones, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary, and Carol J. Galante, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Thomas Hoening, to be Vice Chairperson and a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) part II, 10 a.m., SD-538.

December 13, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 12 through December 17,
2011

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 4:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, and the nomination of Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador. At 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on

examine helping homeowners harmed by foreclosures, focusing on ensuring accountability and transparency in appeals, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

December 14, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine investor risks in capital raising, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: December 14, business meeting to consider S.1449, to authorize the appropriation of funds for highway safety programs and for other purposes, S.1950, to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve commercial motor vehicle safety and reduce commercial motor vehicle-related accidents and fatalities, to authorize the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, S.1952, to improve hazardous materials transportation safety and for other purposes, S.1953, to reauthorize the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, to improve transportation research and development, and a promotion list in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 10 a.m., SR-253.

December 15, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine environmental risks of genetically engineered fish, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: December 13, Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine our nation's water infrastructure, focusing on challenges and opportunities, 10 a.m., SD-406.

December 15, Full Committee, with the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold joint hearings to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) near-term task force recommendations for enhancing reactor safety in the 21st century, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: December 14, Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the state of human rights and rule of law in Russia, focusing on United States policy options, 10 a.m., SD-419.

December 15, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the United States-Caribbean shared security partnership, focusing on responding to the growth of trafficking narcotics in the Caribbean, 11 a.m., SD-419.

December 15, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine improving governance in the Democratic Republic of Congo, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: December 13, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine child abuse, focusing on protection, prevention, intervention, and deterrence, 10:15 a.m., SD-106.

December 14, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1855, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize various programs under the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act, and the nominations of Wendy M. Spencer, of Florida, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Deepa Gupta, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts, Christopher Merrill, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Stephanie Orlando, of New York, and Gary

Blumenthal, of Massachusetts, both to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, and a nomination list in the Public Health Service, 10 a.m., SD-430.

December 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine prescription drug shortages, focusing on examining a public health concern and potential solutions, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: December 14, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: December 13, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Paul J. Watford, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, 10 a.m., SD-226.

December 14, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., SD-226.

December 15, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1821, to prevent the termination of the temporary office of bankruptcy judges in certain judicial districts, S. 1236, to reduce the trafficking of drugs and to prevent human smuggling across the Southwest Border by deterring the construction and use of border tunnels, and the nomination of Brian C. Wimes, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: December 13, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: December 15, to hold hearings to examine implementing the "Physician Payment Sunshine Act", 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on the Budget, December 15, full Committee, markup of H.R. 3521, the "Expedited Line-Item Veto and Rescissions Act of 2011." 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, December 14, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "ICANN's Top-Level Domain Name Program." 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, December 14, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, markup of the following: the "Private Mortgage Market Investment Act"; and H.R. 2483, the "Whistleblower Improvement Act of 2011." 10 a.m., HVC-210 Capitol.

December 15, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on H.R. 3606, the "Reopening American Capital Markets to Emerging Growth Companies Act of 2011." 9:30 a.m., HVC-210 Capitol.

December 15, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity hearing entitled "The Homeless Children and Youth Act of 2011: Proposals to Promote Economic Independence for Homeless Children and Youth." 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

December 15, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Collapse of MF Global." 1 p.m., HVC-210 Capitol.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, December 14, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing entitled “Confronting Damascus: U.S. Policy toward the Evolving Situation in Syria.” 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

December 15, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, markup of the following: H.R. 3401, to apply counterinsurgency tactics under a coordinated and targeted strategy to combat the terrorist insurgency in Mexico waged by transnational criminal organizations, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2542, to withhold twenty percent of United States assessed and voluntary contributions to the Organization of American States (OAS) for every permanent council meeting that takes place where Article 20 of the Inter-American Charter is not invoked with regard to Venezuela’s recent constitutional reforms, and for other purposes. 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, December 13, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 1823, the “Criminal Code Modernization and Simplification Act of 2011.” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

December 13, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing entitled “The Costs and Burdens of Civil Discovery.” 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

December 14, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing entitled “Judicial Reliance on Foreign Law.” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, December 13, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the following: H.R. 2512, the “Three Kids Mine Remediation and Reclamation Act”; and H.R. 3479, the “Natural Hazards Risk Reduction Act of 2011”. 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

December 15, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on the following: the Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge and How the Federal Government Obtained Title to This Land and Promises Made to the Original Landowners; H.R. 1171, the “Marine Debris Act Reauthorization Amendments of 2011”; and S. 363, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey property of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, and for other purposes. 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, December 14, full Committee, hearing entitled “The Leadership of

the Nuclear Regulatory Commission” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

December 14 full Committee, hearing entitled “HHS and the Catholic Church: Examining the Politicization of Grants (minority day of hearing).” 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

December 15, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled “What the Euro Crisis Means for Taxpayers and the U.S. Economy, Pt. I.” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

December 16, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled “What the Euro Crisis Means for Taxpayers and the U.S. Economy, Pt. II.” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, December 12, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3630, the “Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2011.” 5:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, December 15, Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations, hearing entitled “New Medical Loss Ratios: Increasing Health Care Value or Just Eliminating Jobs?” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, December 13, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “The Effectiveness of Our Nation’s Public Alert System.” 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

December 14, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “Integrated Planning and Permitting: An Opportunity for EPA to Provide Communities with Flexibility to Make Smart Investments in Water Quality.” 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

December 15, full Committee, hearing entitled “California’s High-Speed Rail Plan: Skyrocketing Costs & Project Concerns.” 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, December 14, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Is it Working: Reviewing VA’s Compensated Work Therapy Program.” 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

December 15, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Reviewing the Implementation of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011.” 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, December 14, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on the Trans-Pacific Partnership, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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2 p.m., Monday, December 12

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 noon, Monday, December 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 nomination of Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, and the nomination of Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador. At 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, and if cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination. Following disposition of the nomination of Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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