

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 10:15:02 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:15:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., on Friday, January 20, 2012.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 3769–3777; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 99; and H. Res. 509–514 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2059, to prohibit funding to the United Nations Population Fund (H. Rept. 112–361); H. Res. 496, adjusting the amount provided for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Twelfth Congress (H. Rept. 112–362);

H.R. 2309, to restore the financial solvency of the United States Postal Service and to ensure the efficient and affordable nationwide delivery of mail, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–363 Pt. 1);

H.R. 3521, to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for a legislative line-item veto to expedite consideration of rescissions, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 112–364 Pt. 1);

H. Res. 515, addressing a motion to proceed under section 3101A of title 31, United States Code (H. Rept. 112–365); and

H.R. 1221, to suspend the current compensation packages for the senior executives of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and establish compensation for such positions in accordance with rates of pay for senior employees in the Executive Branch of the Federal Government, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–366 Pt. 1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Womack to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:01 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Call of the House: The Speaker called the House to order and ascertained the presence of a quorum (378 present, Roll No. 1).

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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Resignation of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives: Read a letter from Wilson Livingood, in which he submitted his resignation as Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, effective January 17, 2012.

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Electing the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives: The House agreed to H. Res. 511, electing Paul D. Irving as Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives. Subsequently, Sergeant-at-Arms-elect Paul Irving presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker.

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Committee to Notify the President of the assembly of the Congress: The House agreed to H. Res. 512, authorizing the Speaker to appoint a committee on the part of the House to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President that a quorum of each House has assembled, and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make. Subsequently, the Speaker appointed Representatives Cantor and Pelosi to the committee.

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Notifying the Senate That a Quorum of the House Has Assembled: The House agreed to H. Res. 513, authorizing the Clerk of the House to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business. **Page H10**

Meeting Hour: The House agreed to H. Res. 514, providing for the hour of meeting of the House. **Pages H10–11**

Morning Hour Debate: Agreed by unanimous consent that the order of the House of January 5, 2011, providing for Morning Hour Debate, be extended for the remainder of the 112th Congress, except that H. Res. 514 shall supplant H. Res. 10. **Page H11**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call (Roll No. 1) developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H9–10.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DOING BUSINESS WITH DOD

Committee on Armed Services: Panel on Business Challenges within the Defense Industry held a hearing on Doing Business with DOD: Unique Challenges Faced by Small and Mid-Sized Businesses. Testimony was heard from A. John Shoraka, Acting Associate Administrator for Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration; and public witnesses.

DISAPPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT'S EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY TO INCREASE THE DEBT LIMIT, AS SUBMITTED UNDER SECTION 3101A OF TITLE 31, UNITED STATES CODE, AND JANUARY 12, 2012

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on a joint resolution 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, and January 12, 2012. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that a motion to proceed with regard to a joint resolution of disapproval specified in subsection (a)(2) of section 3101A of title 31, United States Code, may be offered even if the joint resolution has not been reported to the House as contemplated by subsection (c)(3) of such section and shall be in order only if offered by the Majority Leader or his designee.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises; and Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Examining the Impact of the Volcker Rule on Markets, Businesses, Investors and Job Creation." 9:30 a.m., 21228 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 1173, the "Fiscal Responsibility and Retirement Security Act of 2011." 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Terrorism, HUMINT, Analysis, and Counterintelligence, hearing entitled "The Role of DHS in the IC: A Report by the Aspen Institute." 1 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the Western Balkans and the 2012 NATO Summit, 2 p.m., B318, Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Friday, January 20

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, January 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.J. Res. 98—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 January 12, 2012.

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