

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S233–S281*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2053–2061, and S. Res. 365–366. **Page S261**

#### **Measures Passed:**

***Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge:*** Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 588, to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge, and the bill was then passed. **Page S276**

***Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System:*** Senate passed S. 1296, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI–04P, Easton Beach Unit RI–05P, Almy Pond Unit RI–06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI–07 in the State of Rhode Island. **Page S276**

***Honoring the Life of Kevin Hagan White:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 365, honoring the life of Kevin Hagan White, the Mayor of Boston, Massachusetts from 1968 to 1984. **Pages S276–77**

***Honoring the Life of Wilman Villar Mendoza:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 366, honoring the life of dissident and democracy activist Wilman Villar Mendoza and condemning the Castro regime for the death of Wilman Villar Mendoza. **Page S277**

#### **Measures Considered:**

**Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of S. 2038, to prohibit Members of Congress and employees of Congress from using non-public information derived from their official positions for personal benefit, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S238–50, S250–54**

#### Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1470, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S238**

Reid (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 1482 (to Amendment No. 1470), to make a technical amendment to a reporting requirement. **Page S238**

Brown (OH) Amendment No. 1478 (to Amendment No. 1470), to change the reporting requirement to 10 days. **Page S238**

Brown (OH)/Merkley Modified Amendment No. 1481 (to Amendment No. 1470), to prohibit financial conflicts of interest by Senators and staff. **Pages S238, S241–43**

Toomey Amendment No. 1472 (to Amendment No. 1470), to prohibit earmarks. **Page S238**

Thune Amendment No. 1477 (to Amendment No. 1470), to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to eliminate the prohibition against general solicitation as a requirement for a certain exemption under Regulation D. **Page S238**

McCain Amendment No. 1471 (to Amendment No. 1470), to protect the American taxpayer by prohibiting bonuses for Senior Executives at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac while they are in conservatorship. **Page S238**

Leahy/Cornyn Amendment No. 1483 (to Amendment No. 1470), to deter public corruption. **Page S238**

Coburn Amendment No. 1473 (to Amendment No. 1470), to prevent the creation of duplicative and overlapping Federal programs. **Page S238**

Coburn/McCain Amendment No. 1474 (to Amendment No. 1470), to require that all legislation be placed online for 72 hours before it is voted on by the Senate or the House. **Page S239**

Coburn Amendment No. 1476, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S239**

Paul Amendment No. 1484 (to Amendment No. 1470), to require Members of Congress to certify that they are not trading using material, non-public information. **Page S239**

Paul Amendment No. 1485 (to Amendment No. 1470), to apply the reporting requirements to Federal employees and judicial officers. **Page S239**

Paul Amendment No. 1487 (to Amendment No. 1470), to prohibit executive branch appointees or staff holding positions that give them oversight, rule-making, loan or grant-making abilities over industries or companies in which they or their spouse have a significant financial interest. **Page S239**

DeMint Amendment No. 1488 (to Amendment No. 1470), to express the sense of the Senate that the Senate should pass a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution that limits the number of terms a Member of Congress may serve. **Page S239**

Paul Amendment No. 1490 (to Amendment No. 1470), to require former Members of Congress to forfeit Federal retirement benefits if they work as a lobbyist or engage in lobbying activities. **Page S239**

Blumenthal/Kirk Amendment No. 1498 (to Amendment No. 1470), to amend title 5, United States Code, to deny retirement benefits accrued by an individual as a Member of Congress if such individual is convicted of certain offenses. **Pages S239–40**

Shelby Amendment No. 1491 (to Amendment No. 1470), to extend the STOCK Act to ensure that the reporting requirements set forth in the STOCK Act apply to the executive branch and independent agencies. **Pages S240–41**

Inhofe/Hutchison Amendment No. 1500 (to Amendment No. 1470), to prohibit unauthorized earmarks. **Pages S243–45**

Boxer/Isakson Amendment No. 1489 (to Amendment No. 1470), to require full and complete public disclosure of the terms of home mortgages held by Members of Congress. **Pages S245–48**

Tester/Toomey Amendment No. 1492 (to Amendment No. 1470), to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to exempt a certain class of securities from such Act. **Pages S248–49**

Tester/Cochran Amendment No. 1503 (to Amendment No. 1470), to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form. **Page S249**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11 a.m., on Thursday, February 2, 2012. **Pages S277–78**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Michael A. Botticelli, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy.

Christy L. Romero, of Virginia, to be Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S278–81**

**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Alan D. Bersin, of California, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security, which was sent to the Senate on January 26, 2011.

John D. Podesta, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2014, which was sent to the Senate on January 26, 2011. **Page S281**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S259**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S257–59**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S278.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### OUTLOOK FOR THE EUROZONE

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the outlook for the eurozone, after receiving testimony from C. Fred Bergsten, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, and Adam Lerrick, American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

### UKRAINE

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine Ukraine, focusing on what's at stake for the United States and Europe, after receiving testimony from Steven Pifer, The Brookings Institution, Damon M. Wilson, Atlantic Council, and Edward Chow, Center for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.; and Eugenia Tymoshenko Carr, Kiev, Ukraine.

### FEDERAL RETIREMENT PROCESSING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government

Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine Federal retirement processing, focusing on ensuring proper and timely payments, after receiving testimony from John Berry, Director, and Patrick E. McFarland, Inspector General, both of the Office of Personnel Management; Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Information Management and Technology Resources Issues, Government Accountability Office; Joseph A. Beaudoin, National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and George Nesterchuk, Nesterchuk and Associates, Vienna, Virginia.

#### HIGH-GROWTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine developing and strengthening high-growth entrepreneurship, after receiving testimony from Sean Greene, Associate Administrator for Investment, Small Business Administration; Wayne Crews, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, Stephen Ezell, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, Jim Kessler, Third Way,

Madeleine Sumption, Migration Policy Institute, and Diane Tomb, National Association of Women Business Owners, all of Washington, D.C.; Barry Evans, Calxeda, Austin, Texas; Ridgely C. Evers, Tapit Partners LLC, Healdsburg, California; Mike Farmer, Leap2, Kansas City, Kansas; Michael A. Finney, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Lansing; Brink Lindsey, and Jonathan Ortman, both of the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Kansas City, Missouri; and Tim Rowe, Cambridge Innovation Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

#### UNITED STATES-CARIBBEAN SECURITY COOPERATION

*United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control:* Caucus concluded a hearing to examine the United States-Caribbean Security Cooperation, after receiving testimony from Anibal de Castro, Ambassador of the Dominican Republic to the United States, Audrey P. Marks, Ambassador of Jamaica to the United States, and Cornelius Smith, Ambassador of the Bahamas to the United States, all of Washington, D.C.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 21 public bills, H.R. 3859–3879; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 532, 535, were introduced. **Pages H373–74**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H375–76**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 658, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–381);

H. Res. 533, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 658) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–382);

H. Res. 534, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3578) to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to reform the budget baseline, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3582) to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for macroeconomic analysis of the impact of legislation (H. Rept. 112–383); and

H.R. 1734, to decrease the deficit by realigning, consolidating, selling, disposing, and improving the efficiency of federal buildings and other civilian real property, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–384, Pt. 1).

**Pages H230–H304, H373**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Cravaack to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H223**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:36 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H227**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Karen Hallett, United States Army, New Windsor, New York. **Page H227**

**Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy—Appointment:** The Chair announced

the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Representatives Shimkus and Womack. **Page H227**

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

*Extending the pay limitation for Members of Congress and Federal employees:* H.R. 3835, to extend the pay limitation for Members of Congress and Federal employees, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 309 yeas to 117 nays, Roll No. 19; **Pages H304–12, H354–55**

*Adjusting the amount provided for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Twelfth Congress:* H. Res. 496, to adjust the amount provided for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Twelfth Congress; and **Pages H312–14**

*Welfare Integrity Now for Children and Families Act:* H.R. 3567, amended, to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to require States to implement policies to prevent assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program from being used in strip clubs, casinos, and liquor stores, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 27 nays, Roll No. 20. **Pages H315–22, H355–56**

**Authorizing the printing of the 25th edition of the pocket version of the United States Constitution:** The House agreed to discharge and agree to H. Con. Res. 90, authorizing the printing of the 25th edition of the pocket version of the United States Constitution. **Page H314**

**Unanimous Consent Request:** Representative Lungren asked unanimous consent that the "Standards for the Electronic Posting of House and Committee Documents and Data", which were adopted by the Committee on House Administration on December 16, 2011, be printed in the Congressional Record. Agreed to without objection. **Pages H314–15, H370**

**Fiscal Responsibility and Retirement Security Act of 2011:** The House passed H.R. 1173, to repeal the CLASS program, by a recorded vote of 267 yeas to 159 noes, Roll No. 18. **Pages H322–54**

Rejected the Garamendi motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 175 yeas to 247 noes, Roll No. 17.

**Pages H352–54**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H333**

Rejected:

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of January 31, 2012) that sought to add a new section requiring a study on the impact of not having long-term care insurance on the Federal, State and local governments (by a recorded vote of 161 yeas to 263 noes, Roll No. 13);

**Pages H333–35, H349–50**

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of January 31, 2012) that sought to add a new section ensuring market penetration for private long-term care insurance (by a recorded vote of 157 yeas to 264 noes, Roll No. 14);

**Pages H335–37, H350**

Deutch amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of January 31, 2012) that sought to add a new section preventing an increase in Medicaid spending (by a recorded vote of 164 yeas to 260 noes, Roll No. 15); and **Pages H337, H350–51**

Deutch amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of January 31, 2012) that sought to add a new section regarding CLASS program flexibility (by a recorded vote of 160 yeas to 264 noes, Roll No. 16). **Pages H337–39, H351–52**

H. Res. 522, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, January 31st.

**Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House debated the Michaud motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3630. Further proceedings were postponed.

**Pages H356–61**

**Discharge Petition:** Representative Walz presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committees on Financial Services, Agriculture, House Administration, the Judiciary, Ethics, and Rules from the consideration of H.R. 1148, to prohibit commodities and securities trading based on nonpublic information relating to Congress, to require additional reporting by Members and employees of Congress of securities transactions, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 3).

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H349–50, H350, H351, H351–52, H353–54, H354, H354–55, and H355–56. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FOB FRONTENAC, AFGHANISTAN

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing on the use of Afghan nationals to provide security to U.S. forces in light of attack on U.S. personnel at FOB Frontenac, Afghanistan in March

2011. Testimony was heard from David S. Sedney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia, Department of Defense; Gary J. Motsek, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Program Support, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense; Brigadier General Stephen Townsend, USA, Director, Pakistan/Afghanistan Coordination Cell, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Brigadier General Kenneth Dahl, USA, Deputy Commanding General for Support, 10th Mountain Division (LI).

#### CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Congressional Budget Office’s Budget and Economic Outlook”. Testimony was heard from Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

#### JOB CREATION

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Expanding Opportunities for Job Creation”. Testimony was heard from Rick Snyder, Governor, Michigan; Dannel Malloy, Governor, Connecticut; and public witnesses.

#### BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON AMERICA’S NUCLEAR FUTURE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future”. Testimony was heard from Lee Hamilton, Co-Chair, Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future, Director, The Center on Congress at The Indiana University, former Member, House of Representatives; Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft (Ret.), Co-Chair, Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future, President, Scowcroft Group, former National Security Advisor to Presidents Gerald Ford and George H.W. Bush; and public witnesses.

#### REAUTHORIZATION OF PDUFA

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Reauthorization of PDUFA: What It Means for Jobs, Innovation, and Patients”. Testimony was heard from Margaret A. Hamburg, M.D., Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration; and public witnesses.

#### MANUFACTURED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Implementation of the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000”. Testimony was heard from Henry S. Czauski, Acting

Deputy Administrator for Manufactured Housing Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

#### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on H.R. 3461, the “Financial Institutions Examination Fairness and Reform Act”. Testimony was heard from Kevin M. Bertsch, Associate Director of the Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Sandra L. Thompson, Director of the Division of Risk Management Supervision, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; David M. Marquis, Executive Director, National Credit Union Administration; Jennifer Kelly, Senior Deputy Comptroller for Mid-Size/Community Bank Supervision, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies held a markup of H.R. 3674, the “Promoting and Enhancing Cybersecurity and Information Sharing Effectiveness Act of 2011”. The bill was reported to the full Committee, as amended.

#### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 2469, the “End Discriminatory State Taxes for Automobile Renters Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from Raymond A. Warren, Deputy Commissioner of Revenue and Legal Counsel, Arlington County, Virginia; and public witnesses.

#### MANUFACTURING AND INNOVATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Prior User Rights: Strengthening U.S. Manufacturing and Innovation”. Testimony was heard from David Kappos, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 3407, the “Alaskan Energy for American Jobs Act”; H.R. 3408, the “Protecting Investment in Oil Shale the Next Generation of Environmental, Energy, and Resource Security Act”; and H.R. 3410, the “Energy Security and Transportation Jobs Act”. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 3407, H.R. 3408, and H.R. 3410.

**RECESS APPOINTMENTS**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Uncharted Territory: What are the Consequences of President Obama’s Unprecedented “Recess” Appointments?” Testimony was heard from Senator Lee, Utah; and public witnesses.

**BASELINE REFORM ACT OF 2011; AND PRO-GROWTH BUDGETING ACT OF 2011**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3578, the “Baseline Reform Act of 2011”; and H.R. 3582, the “Pro-Growth Budgeting Act of 2011. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 3578 and provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules Committee Print dated January 25, 2012, shall be considered as adopted, and provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order the amendment to H.R. 3578 printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution if offered by Representative Jackson Lee or her designee. The amendment shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes 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 amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report.

The resolution further provides for consideration of H.R. 3582 under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purposes of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules Committee Print dated January 25, 2012, and provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 3582 printed in Part B of 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 speci-

fied 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 Part B of the Rules Committee report. Finally the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Testimony was heard from Chairman Ryan of Wisconsin and Representative Van Hollen.

**FAA MODERNIZATION AND REFORM ACT OF 2012**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 658, the “FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. Debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII. Testimony was heard from Representative Petri.

**GROUND WATER RESEARCH**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled “Fractured Science—Examining EPA’s Approach to Ground Water Research: The Pavillion Analysis”. Testimony was heard from James B. Martin, Regional Administrator, Region 8, Environmental Protection Agency; Tom Doll, State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission; and public witnesses.

**SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Path to Job Creation: The State of American Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**VETERANS’ AFFAIRS PHARMACEUTICAL PRIME VENDOR CONTRACT**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining VA’s Pharmaceutical Prime Vendor Contract”, Testimony was heard from W. Scott Gould, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs; Linda Halliday, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witness.

## HARBOR MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND AND HARBOR MAINTENANCE TAX

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a joint hearing on the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund and the Harbor Maintenance Tax. Testimony was heard from Mike Strain, Commissioner, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### FAA AIR TRANSPORTATION MODERNIZATION AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 658, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system.

### TEMPORARY PAYROLL TAX CUT CONTINUATION ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3630, to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Thursday, February 2nd.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D27)

H.R. 3800, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program. Signed on January 31, 2012. (Public Law 112-91)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “The Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Human Rights Act of 2012”, and an original bill entitled, “Federal Public Transportation Act of 2012”, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* To hold hearings to examine the budget and economic outlook, focusing on fiscal years 2012–2022, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* To hold hearings to examine the final report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* To hold hearings to examine innovations in college affordability, 10:20 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* To hold hearings to examine S. 1739, to provide for the use and distribution of judgment funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Numbers 19 and 188, S. 356, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, and S. 908, to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Business meeting to consider S. 1925, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, S. 1945, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, and the nominations of Paul J. Watford, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Dennis J. Erby, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Mississippi, and Anuj Chang Desai, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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

### House

*Committee on the Budget,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “The State of the U.S. Economy”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Health, Labor and Pensions, hearing entitled “Examining the Challenges Facing PBGC and Defined Benefit Pension Plans”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Collapse of MF Global: Part 2”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ahmadinejad’s Tour of Tyrants and Iran’s Agenda in the Western Hemisphere”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Toward Post-Election Democratic Republic of Congo”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing entitled “Contingent Fees and Conflicts of Interest in State AG Enforcement of Federal Law”, 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Fast and Furious: Management Failures at the Department of Justice”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade, hearing entitled “The Future

of the Family Farm: The Effect of Proposed DOL Regulations on Small Business Producers”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Full Committee, hearing on legislation regarding the “American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act”, 9 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Lowering the Rate of Unemployment for the National Guard”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on the accuracy and uses of the Social

Security Administration’s Death Master File, 9 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “World Threats”, 10 a.m., HVC-210. This hearing will begin as an open hearing and move to a closed hearing in HVC-304.

### Joint Meetings

*Conference*: Meeting of conferees on H.R. 3630, to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline, 10 a.m., HVC-201.



# Résumé of Congressional Activity

## SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

### DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through January 31, 2012

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session .....	11	12	..
Time in session .....	31 hrs., 15'	26 hrs., 15'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings .....	232	222	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	102	..
Public bills enacted into law .....	..	1	1
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	2	2	..
Measures passed, total .....	19	16	35
Senate bills .....	3	..	..
House bills .....	3	7	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	1	1	..
Simple resolutions .....	11	7	..
Measures reported, total .....	39	20	59
Senate bills .....	37	1	..
House bills .....	2	16	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions .....	..	3	..
Special reports .....	..	..	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar .....	224	14	..
Measures introduced, total .....	37	120	157
Bills .....	21	91	..
Joint resolutions .....	2	3	..
Concurrent resolutions .....	1	3	..
Simple resolutions .....	13	23	..
Quorum calls .....	..	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes .....	3	10	..
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Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
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### DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through January 31, 2012

Civilian nominations, totaling 208 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed .....	1	
Unconfirmed .....	203	
Withdrawn .....	4	
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 167 (including 167 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Unconfirmed .....	167	
Air Force nominations, totaling 1,116 (including 295 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Unconfirmed .....	1,116	
Army nominations, totaling 622 (including 16 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Unconfirmed .....	622	
Navy nominations, totaling 13 (including 1 nomination carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Unconfirmed .....	13	
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 864, disposed of as follows:		
Unconfirmed .....	864	
<i>Summary</i>		
Total nominations carried over from the First Session .....	667	
Total nominations received this Session .....	2,323	
Total confirmed .....	1	
Total unconfirmed .....	2,985	
Total withdrawn .....	4	
Total returned to the White House .....	0	

\*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 41 reports have been filed in the Senate, 20 reports have been filed in the House.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Thursday, February 2

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, February 2

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 2038, Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 658—FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 3582—Pro-Growth Budgeting Act (Subject to a Rule). Begin Consideration of H.R. 3578—Baseline Reform Act (Subject to a Rule).

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