

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1063–S1098

Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2135–2137, and S. Res. 381. **Pages S1088–89**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Photography in the Senate Chamber: Senate agreed to S. Res. 381, authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber of the United States Senate. **Page S1098**

Measures Considered:

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1078–85**

Pending:
Reid Amendment No. 1730, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S1078–85**

Reid (for Blunt) Amendment No. 1520 (to Amendment No. 1730), to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services. **Pages S1079–85**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, March 1, 2012, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate proceed to vote on or in relation to Blunt Amendment No. 1520 (listed above); provided further, that no other amendments be in order prior to the vote on or in relation to Blunt Amendment No. 1520, and that there be no motions in order other than a motion to table prior to the vote on or in relation to Blunt Amendment No. 1520. **Page S1079**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 29, 2012. **Page S1098**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a Presidential Policy Directive establishing procedures to implement section 1022 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–42) **Page S1087**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:37 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 29, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1098.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CONSERVATION THROUGH THE FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening conservation through the 2012 farm bill, after receiving testimony from Bruce Nelson, Farm Service Agency Administrator, and Dave White, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, both of the Department of Agriculture; Jeff Trandahl, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), Washington, D.C.; Becky Humphries, Ducks Unlimited's Great Lakes/Atlantic Regional Office, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Dean Stoskopf, Stoskopf Farms, Hoisington, Kansas; Carl R. Mattson, George Mattson Farms Inc., Chester, Montana; Darrel Mosel, Darrel Mosel

Farm, Gaylord, Minnesota; and Earl Garber, National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), Basile, Louisiana.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of State and Foreign Operations, after receiving testimony from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Pacific Command and United States Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral Robert F. Willard, USN, Commander, United States Pacific Command, and General William M. Fraser III, USAF, Commander, United States Transportation Command, both of the Department of Defense.

STATE OF THE HOUSING MARKET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the housing market, focusing on removing barriers to economic recovery, part II, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Elizabeth A. Duke, Governor, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Edward J. DeMarco, Acting Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Leon E. Panetta, Secretary, General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary (Comptroller), all of the Department of Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Ken Salazar, Secretary, David J. Hayes, Deputy Secretary, and Pam Haze, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Finance, Performance, and Acquisition, all of the Department of the Interior.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine local government perspectives on water infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Baltimore, Maryland; Jerry N. Johnson, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Laurel, Maryland; and Kathy Horne, Alabama Rural Water Association, Montgomery, on behalf of the National Rural Water Association.

NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine national security and foreign policy priorities in the fiscal year 2013 International Affairs Budget, after receiving testimony from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), after receiving testimony from Donald L. Samuels, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Cold Springs, Kentucky.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 4093–4104, and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 105, were introduced. **Page H1016**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1017–18**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:
H. Res. 566, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1837) to address certain water-related concerns on the San Joaquin River, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–405). **Page H1016**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fitzpatrick to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H969**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:31 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H973**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Adam McHugh, Vitas Hospice Center, Covina, California. **Page H973**

Resignation of the House Parliamentarian: Read a letter from John V. Sullivan in which he announced his resignation as the Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives, effective March 31, 2012. **Page H973**

House Parliamentarian—Appointment: The Chair appointed Thomas J. Wickham, Jr. as Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives to succeed John V. Sullivan, resigned. **Page H974**

Protecting Academic Freedom in Higher Education Act: The House passed H.R. 2117, to prohibit the Department of Education from overreaching into academic affairs and program eligibility under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, by a recorded vote of 303 ayes to 114 noes, Roll No. 79. **Pages H976–92, H992–97**

Rejected the Capps motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 78.

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

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Agreed to:

Foxx amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–404) that repeals a section of the credit hour regulation impacting clock hour programs. **Page H989**

Rejected:

Polis amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–404) that sought to link state authorization regulations to student outcomes; **Page H990**

Grijalva amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–404) that sought to retain the requirement that states have a process to hear and take appropriate action on student complaints regarding institutions as part of the state authorization (by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 75);

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Bishop (NY) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–404) that sought to strike the prohibition on the Secretary of Education from ever promulgating or enforcing any regulation or rule defining the term “credit hour” (by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 255 noes, Roll No. 76); and

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Polis amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–404) that sought to require the Secretary to present a plan to prevent waste, fraud and abuse to ensure effective use of taxpayer dollars (by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 77).

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H. Res. 563, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 74, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:53 p.m. and reconvened at 3:15 p.m. **Page H992**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the school shooting in Chardon, OH on February 27, 2012, their families, the school community and the city of Chardon, OH.

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

Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2012: H.R. 1433, amended, to protect private property rights. **Pages H997–H1003**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the text of a Presidential Policy Directive establishing procedures to implement section 1022 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112–81)—referred to the Committee on Armed

Services and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–91). Page H1008

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H980, H993, H993–94, H994–95, H996, and H996–97. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Committees Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, Department of Justice.

APPROPRIATIONS—INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for Indian Health Service. Testimony was heard from Yvette Roubideaux, Director, Indian Health Service; and Randy Grinnell, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOOD, NUTRITION, AND CONSUMERS SERVICES, USDA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA. Testimony was heard from Kevin Concannon, Undersecretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services; Audrey Rowe, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service; Rajen Anand, Director, Center on Nutrition Policy and Promotion; and Michael Young, Budget Officer.

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Transportation Security Administration. Testimony was heard from John Pistole, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for Bureau of Indian Affairs. Testimony was heard from Larry Echo

Hawk, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs; Michel S. Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and Keith Moore, Director, Bureau of Indian Education.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Steven Chu, Secretary, Department of Energy.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—AIR FORCE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Air Force. Testimony was heard from Michael B. Donley, Secretary of the Air Force; and General Norton A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff, USAF.

MILITARY PERSONNEL BUDGET OVERVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on Military Personnel Budget Overview—Office of the Secretary of Defense Perspective. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Defense officials: Jo Ann Rooney, Acting Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Virginia S. Penrod, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Personnel Policy); Jonathan Woodson, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) and Director of TRICARE Management Activity; and Pasquale M. Tamburrino, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Civilian Personnel Policy).

STRENGTHENING HEALTH AND RETIREMENT SECURITY

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Strengthening Health and Retirement Security”. Testimony was heard from Richard S. Foster, Chief Actuary, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and Stephen C. Goss, Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 3989, the “Student Success Act” and H.R. 3990, the “Encouraging Innovation and Effective Teachers Act”. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 3989 and H.R. 3990.

EPA BUDGET—FISCAL YEAR 2013

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power and Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a joint hearing entitled

“The FY 2013 EPA Budget”. Testimony was heard from Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, EPA.

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE CYBERSECURITY—ASSESSMENTS OF SMART GRID SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity: Assessments of Smart Grid Security”. Testimony was heard from Gregory C. Wilshusen, Director of Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; David Trimble, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and Richard J. Campbell, Specialist in Energy Policy, Congressional Research Service.

OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Department of Housing and Urban Development”. Testimony was heard from the following HUD officials: Carol Galante, Acting Federal Housing Administration Commissioner and Assistant Secretary for Housing; Sandra B. Henriquez, Assistant Secretary, Office of Public and Indian Housing; Mercedes M. Marquez, Assistant Secretary, Community Planning and Development; Raphael Bostic, Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research; and John Trasvina, Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE SHARING WITH STATE, LOCAL AND TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “Federal Government Intelligence Sharing with State, Local and Tribal Law Enforcement: An Assessment Ten Years After 9/11”. Testimony was heard from Scott McAllister, Deputy Under Secretary, State and Local Program Office, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; Louis F. Oujas, Assistant Secretary, Office for State and Local Law Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Eric Velez-Villard, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 4086, the “Foreign Cultural Exchange Jurisdictional Immunity Clarification Act”; H.R. 3992, to allow otherwise eligible Israeli nationals to receive E-2 nonimmigrant visas

if similarly situated United States national are eligible for similar nonimmigrant status in Israel; and H.R. 511, to amend title 18, United States code, to prohibit the importation of various injurious species of constrictor snakes. The following were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 3992; and H.R. 4086. H.R. 511 was ordered reported, as amended.

EXECUTIVE OVERREACH: THE HHS MANDATE VERSUS RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Executive Overreach: The HHS Mandate Versus Religious Liberty”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT FY 2013 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing entitled “FY 2013 budget requests from the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management”. Testimony was heard from Jon Jarvis, Director, National Park Service; and Robert Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management.

GAO UNVEILS NEW DUPLICATIVE PROGRAM REPORT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Government 2.0: GAO Unveils New Duplicative Program Report”. Testimony was heard from Senator Coburn; and Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY WATER RELIABILITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1837, the “San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of Rules Committee Print 112–15 and provides that it 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 printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally

divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hastings, WA; and Representatives Napolitano; Garamendi; and Nunes.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing entitled “An Overview of the National Science Foundation Budget for Fiscal Year 2013”. Testimony was heard from Subra Suresh, Director, National Science Foundation; and Ray Bowen, Chairman, National Science Board.

FINANCING APPROACHES FOR COMMUNITY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, PART 1

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “Review of Innovative Financing Approaches for Community Water Infrastructure Projects—Part I”. Testimony was heard from Gregory A. Ballard, Mayor, Indianapolis, IN; and public witnesses.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on President Obama’s Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Proposal for the Department of Health and Human Services. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

Joint Meetings

MISSING PERSONS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine clarifying the fate of missing persons in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe region, focusing on locating and identifying persons missing as a result of conflicts, trafficking in humans and human rights violations, as well as natural or manmade disasters, after receiving testimony from Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan, International Commission on Missing Persons, Berkshire, United Kingdom; Shawn A. Bray, INTERPOL Washington, U.S. National Central Bureau, and Fatima Tlisova, Voice of America, both of Washington, D.C.; and Amor Masovic, Missing Persons Institute of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D148)

H.R. 1162, to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection. Signed on February 27, 2012. (Public Law 112–97)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Army, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine putting health care spending on a sustainable path, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on the crisis in Syria, 11 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging, to hold hearings to examine dental crisis in America, focusing on the need to expand access, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the “Due Process Guarantee Act”, focusing on banning indefinite detention of Americans, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard Gary Taranto, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Gershwin A. Drain, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, and Robin S. Rosenbaum, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for Veterans’ Programs, 10 a.m., SR–418.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Commodity Futures Trading Commission 2012 Agenda”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Department of State, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Customs and Border Protection Agency, 10 a.m., B–318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, Weapons Activities; and National Nuclear Security Administration, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, 10 a.m., 2362—A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Environmental Protection Agency, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Office of Science and Technology Policy, 2 p.m., H-309, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Department of Agriculture, 2 p.m., 2362—A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2013 Science and Technology Programs, 3 p.m. 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Department of Defense and the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget”, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, markup of H.R. 452, the “Medicare Decisions Accountability Act of 2011”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Assessing U.S. Foreign Policy Priorities Amidst Economic Challenges: The Foreign Relations Budget for Fiscal Year 2013”, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications, hearing entitled “The President’s FY 2013 Budget Request for the Federal Emergency Management Agency”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “The U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services Office”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 491, to modify the boundaries of Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico, to transfer certain Bureau of Land Management land for inclusion in the national forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 1038, to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960; H.R. 1335, to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes; H.R. 2050, the “Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act”; H.R. 2157, to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2240, the “Lowell National Historical Park Land Exchange Act of 2011”; H.R. 2489, the “American Battlefield Protection Program Amendments Act of 2011”; H.R. 2512, the “Three Kids Mine Remediation and Reclamation Act”; H.R. 2745, to amend the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986 to facilitate implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River in Clark County, Nevada; H.R. 2947, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed by the United States in 1950 for the establishment of an airport in Cook County, Minnesota; H.R. 3263, the “Lake Thunderbird Efficient Use Act of 2011”; H.R. 3409, the “Coal Miner Employment and Domestic Energy Infrastructure Protection Act”; H.R. 3411, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior; H.R. 3440, the “Recreational Shooting Protection Act”; H.R. 3452, the “Wasatch Range Recreation Access Enhancement Act”; H.R. 4089, the “Sportsmen’s Heritage Act of 2012”; S. 271, the “Wallowa Forest Service Compound Conveyance Act”; S. 292, the “Salmon Lake Land Selection Resolution Act”; S. 404, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior; S. 684, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah; and S. 897, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy, hearing entitled “Honoring George Washington’s Legacy: Does America Need a Reminder?” 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations, hearing entitled “Preventing Stolen Valor: Challenges and Solutions”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing entitled “Promoting Innovation, Competition, and Economic Growth: Principles for Effective Domestic and International Standards Development”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled “NASA Cybersecurity: An Examination of the Agency’s Information Security”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “A Review of Cruise Ship Safety and Lessons Learned from the COSTA CONCORDIA Accident”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing on President Obama’s trade policy agenda, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 3 p.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 29

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of S. 1813, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 1837—San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act (Subject to a Rule).

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