

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

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## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S1159–S1370*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2145–2151, S. Res. 385–388, and S. Con. Res. 35–36.

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#### **Measures Passed:**

*Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies:* Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 35, to establish the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies for the inauguration of the President-elect and Vice President-elect of the United States on January 21, 2013. **Page S1368**

*Authorize the Use of the Rotunda and Emancipation Hall:* Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 36, to authorize the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States. **Page S1368**

*Black History Month:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 387, celebrating Black History Month. **Pages S1368–69**

*200th Anniversary of the War of 1812 and “The Star Spangled Banner”:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 388, commemorating the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 and “The Star Spangled Banner”, and recognizing the historical significance, heroic human endeavor, and sacrifice of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Revenue Marine Service, and State militias, during the War of 1812. **Page S1369**

#### **Measures Considered:**

*Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century—Agreement:* Senate continued consideration of S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and

highway safety construction programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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#### Rejected:

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. (By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 24), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1162–73**

#### Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 1730, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S1162–73**

#### Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1761, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S1179–89**

Reid Amendment No. 1762 (to Amendment No. 1761), to change the enactment date. **Page S1179**

Reid motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 1763, to change the enactment date. **Page S1179**

Reid Amendment No. 1764 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1763), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1179**

Reid Amendment No. 1765 (to Amendment No. 1764), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1179**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m. on Friday, March 2, 2012. **Page S1369**

#### Messages from the House:

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—24) Page S1173

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:40 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, March 2, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1369.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

### APPROPRIATIONS: OFFICE OF THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE, AND OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year for 2013 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the Library of Congress, the Office of Compliance, and the Open World Leadership Center, after receiving testimony from Stephen T. Ayers, Architect of the Capitol; James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress; Tamar E. Chrisler, Executive Director, Office of Compliance; and John O'Keefe, Executive Director, Open World Leadership Center.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND THE FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States European Command and United States Africa Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral James G. Stavridis, USN, Commander, United States European Command, and General Carter Ham, USA, Commander, United States Africa Command, both of the Department of Defense.

### SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO THE CONGRESS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

### TAX REFORM

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax reform to encourage growth, reduce the deficit, and promote fairness, after receiving testimony from Leonard E. Burman, Syracuse University Maxwell School, Syracuse, New York; Diane Lim Rogers, Concord Coalition, Arlington, Virginia; and Daniel Mitchell, Cato Institute, Washington, D.C.

### CRUISE SHIP INDUSTRY REGULATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the cruise ship industry, focusing on if current regulations are sufficient to protect passengers and the environment, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Brian M. Salerno, Deputy Commandant for Operations, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Bill Johnson, Miami-Dade County PortMiami, Miami, Florida; William H. Doherty, Nexus Consulting Group, Centerville, Massachusetts; Ross A. Klein, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada; and Christine Duffy, Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), Arlington, Virginia.

### SYRIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Syria, focusing on the crisis and its implications, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey D. Feltman, Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, and Robert Ford, Ambassador of the United States to Syria, both of the Department of State.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Andrew David Hurwitz, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

### 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:** 16 public bills, H.R. 4116–4131; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 568–569, were introduced. **Page H1133**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1134–35**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 3606, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–406). **Page H1133**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Yoder to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1103**

**Directing the Office of the Historian to compile oral histories from current and former Members of the House of Representatives involved in the historic and annual Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, marches:** The House agreed to H. Res. 562, to direct the Office of the Historian to compile oral histories from current and former Members of the House of Representatives involved in the historic and annual Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, marches, as well as the civil rights movement in general, for the purposes of expanding or augmenting the historic record and for public dissemination and education, by a yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 92.

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H. Res. 562 was considered pursuant to the order of the House on February 29, 2012.

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated yesterday, February 29th:

***St. Croix River Crossing Project Authorization Act:*** S. 1134, to authorize the St. Croix River Crossing Project with appropriate mitigation measures to promote river values, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 339 yeas to 80 nays, Roll No. 93 and **Page H1113**

***Condemning the Government of Iran for its continued persecution, imprisonment, and sentencing of Youcef Nadarkhani on the charge of apostasy:*** H. Res. 556, amended, to condemn the Government of Iran for its continued persecution, imprisonment, and sentencing of Youcef Nadarkhani on the charge of apostasy, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 94. **Pages H1113–14**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Mon-

day, March 5th for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business. **Page H1115**

**Social Security Advisory Board—Reappointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s reappointment, upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, of the following member on the part of the House to the Social Security Advisory Board for a term of six years: Ms. Barbara Kennelly of Hartford, CT.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1112–13, H1113, and H1114. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL PROTECTION AND PROGRAMS DIRECTORATE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on the FY 2013 Budget for National Protection and Programs Directorate. Testimony was heard from Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate.

### APPROPRIATIONS—FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the FY 2013 Fish and Wildlife Service Budget. Testimony was heard from Dan Ashe, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service; and Chris Nolin, Budget Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service.

### APPROPRIATIONS—COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget. Testimony was heard from David J. Kappos, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

### APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related

Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget. Testimony was heard from Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller); General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff of the Army; Admiral Jonathan Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations; General Norton A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff of the Air Force; and Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the FY 2013 Budget for the Department of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Dallas Tonsager, Under Secretary for Rural Development; Jonathan Adelstein, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service; Judith Canales, Administrator, Rural Business—Cooperative Service; and Michael Young, Budget Officer.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS—NAVY/MARINE CORPS BUDGET**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on the FY 2013 Navy/Marine Corps Budget. Testimony was heard from Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy; Admiral Jonathan Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations; General Norton A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff of the Air Force; and General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

#### **NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from U.S. Pacific Command. Testimony was heard from Admiral Robert F. Willard, USN Commander, U.S. Pacific Command.

#### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “The FY 2013 HHS Budget”. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### **PRESCRIPTION DRUG DIVERSION: COMBATING THE SCOURGE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Prescription Drug Diversion: Combating the Scourge”. Testimony was heard from Richard G. Kerlikowske, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Pamela Jo Bondi, Attorney General, State of Florida; Jack Conway, Attorney General,

State of Kentucky; Aaron E. Haslam, Senior Assistant Attorney General, State of Ohio; Joseph T. Rannazzisi, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration; and public witnesses.

#### **THE EFFECTS OF THE REPEAL OF REGULATION Q ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND SMALL BUSINESSES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on “Understanding the Effects of the Repeal of Regulation Q on Financial Institutions and Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a markup of H.R. 3783, the “Countering Iran in the Western Hemisphere Act of 2012”. The bill was forwarded, as amended.

#### **BUILDING ONE DHS: WHY CAN'T MANAGEMENT INFORMATION BE INTEGRATED?**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management held a hearing “Building One DHS: Why Can't Management Information Be Integrated”. Testimony was heard from Rafael Borrás, Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security; David Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, Government Accountability Office; and Charles K. Edwards, Acting Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* On Wednesday, February 29, 2012, the full Committee held a markup. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 3452, the “Wasatch Range Recreation Access Enhancement Act”; H.R. 4089, the “Sportsmen's Heritage Act of 2012”; 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. 2240, the “Lowell National Historical Park Land Exchange Act of 2011”; 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. 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; and H.R. 2512, the

“Three Kids Mine Remediation and Reclamation Act”.

The following bills were ordered reported without amendment: 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. 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. 2050, the “Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act”; 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; S. 271, the “Wallowa Forest Service Compound Conveyance Act”; S. 684, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah; S. 404, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior; S. 292, the “Salmon Lake Land Selection Resolution Act”; 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.

#### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 1272, the “Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Judgment Fund Distribution Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Peterson and Cravaack; Michael Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### STATUS OF GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management held a hearing entitled “The Status of Government Financial Management: A Look at the FY 2011 Consolidated Financial Statements”. Testimony was heard from Gene L.

Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Daniel I. Werfel, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget; and Richard L. Gregg, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FY 2013 BUDGET

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “An Overview of the Department of Energy Research and Development Budget for Fiscal Year 2013”. Testimony was heard from Steven Chu, Secretary, Department of Energy.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a markup of the following: H.R. 2903, the “FEMA Reauthorization Act of 2011”; H.R. 3182, the “James M. Fitzgerald United States Courthouse”; H.R. 3556, the “Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse”; H.R. 4097, the “John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2012”. The following bill was forwarded, as amended: H.R. 2903. The following bills were forwarded without amendment: H.R. 3182, H.R. 3556, and H.R. 4097.

#### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a markup of views and estimates submission letter. The resolution was ordered reported without amendment.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### House

No hearings are scheduled.

# 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 February 29, 2012

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session .....	26	29	..
Time in session .....	126 hrs., 36'	123 hrs., 41'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings .....	S1158	H1101	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	E288	..
Public bills enacted into law .....	..	7	7
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total .....	42	50	92
Senate bills .....	6	1	..
House bills .....	6	26	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	2	3	..
Simple resolutions .....	27	19	..
Measures reported, total .....	*56	*43	99
Senate bills .....	51	1	..
House bills .....	2	30	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions .....	3	12	..
Special reports .....	..	..	..
Conference reports .....	..	2	..
Measures pending on calendar .....	242	21	..
Measures introduced, total .....	151	426	577
Bills .....	113	348	..
Joint resolutions .....	4	8	..
Concurrent resolutions .....	1	11	..
Simple resolutions .....	33	59	..
Quorum calls .....	..	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes .....	23	35	..
Recorded votes .....	..	55	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

\*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 50 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 45 reports have been filed in the House.

### DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through February 29, 2012

Civilian nominations, totaling 243 (including 188 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed .....		5
Unconfirmed .....		232
Withdrawn .....		6
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 726 (including 167 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed .....		162
Unconfirmed .....		564
Air Force nominations, totaling 1,898 (including 295 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed .....		1,175
Unconfirmed .....		723
Army nominations, totaling 1239 (including 16 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed .....		1,128
Unconfirmed .....		111
Navy nominations, totaling 78 (including 1 nomination carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed .....		58
Unconfirmed .....		20
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1299, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed .....		46
Unconfirmed .....		1,253
<i>Summary</i>		
Total nominations carried over from the First Session .....		667
Total nominations received this Session .....		4,816
Total confirmed .....		2,574
Total unconfirmed .....		2,903
Total withdrawn .....		6
Total returned to the White House .....		..

## Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, March 2

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Monday, March 5

## Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1813, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century.

## House Chamber

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