

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2039–S2114

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2238–2241, and S. Res. 407. **Page S2085**

Measures Passed:

MF Global Bankruptcy: Senate agreed to S. Res. 407, expressing the sense of the Senate that executives of the bankrupt firm MF Global should not be rewarded with bonuses while customer money is still missing. **Page S2113**

Measures Considered:

Oil Tax Subsidies—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 2204, to eliminate unnecessary tax subsidies and promote renewable energy and energy conservation, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1968, to change the enactment date. **Page S2055**

Reid Amendment No. 1969 (to Amendment No. 1968), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2055**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 1970, to change the enactment date. **Page S2055**

Reid Amendment No. 1971 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1970), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2055**

Reid Amendment No. 1972 (to Amendment No. 1971), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2055**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote will occur on Thursday, March 29, 2012. **Page S2055**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill be at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, March 28, 2012. **Page S2113**

21st Century Postal Service Act—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to

consideration of S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service. **Page S2054**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 60), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S2054–55**

Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2055**

Paying a Fair Share Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2230, to reduce the deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers. **Pages S2055–65, S2065–68**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 28, 2012, with the first hour equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees with Republicans controlling the first 30 minutes and the Majority controlling the second 30 minutes. **Page S2113**

Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-Cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act Return of Papers—

Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate agree to the House of Representatives request to return the papers on H.R. 5, to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system, and authorize the Secretary of the Senate to return the papers on H.R. 5 to the House of Representatives. **Page S2113**

Du and Morgan Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, March 28, 2012, Senate resume consideration of the nominations of Miranda Du, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, and Susie

Morgan, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana; that there be 60 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations of Miranda Du, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, and Susie Morgan, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, in that order; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S2113**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael Peter Huerta, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.

Brett H. McGurk, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq.

Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives.

James C. Miller III, of Virginia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the term expiring December 8, 2017. **Page S2114**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—60) **Page S2055**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:01 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2012. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on pages S2113–14.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense and the Department of the Army, after receiving testimony from Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary (Comptroller), Dorothy Robyn, Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, Peter R. Lavoy, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, Katherine G. Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy, and Environment, Lieutenant General Michael Ferriter, Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Major General Timothy J. Kadavy, Deputy Director of the Army National Guard, and Addison D. Davis IV, Chief Executive Officer, Army Reserve Command, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Strategic Command and United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General C. Robert Kehler, USAF, Commander, United States Strategic Command, and General Keith B. Alexander, USA, Commander, United States Cyber Command, Director, National Security Agency, and Chief, Central Security Service, both of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Defense’s role in implementation of the National Strategy for Counterterrorism and the National Strategy to Combat Transnational Organized Crime in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Sheehan, Assistant Secretary for Special Operations, Low-Intensity Conflict, Garry Reid, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Combating Terrorism, and William

F. Wechsler, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Counter-narcotics and Global Threats, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Robert P. Lennox, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army, G-8, Lieutenant General William N. Phillips, Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology and Director, Acquisition Career Management, Lieutenant General John F. Campbell, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army, G-3/5/7, and Lieutenant General Keith C. Walker, Deputy Commanding General, Futures, Director, ARCIC, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, all of the Department of Defense.

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine the choice neighborhoods initiative, focusing on a new community development model, after receiving testimony from Sandra Henriquez, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing; Maria Maio, Jersey City Housing Authority, Jersey City, New Jersey; Susan J. Popkin, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.; Paul N. Weech, Housing Partnership Network, Boston, Massachusetts; Anthony B. Sanders, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia; and Egbert L. J. Perry, Integral Group LLC, Atlanta, Georgia.

REDUCING POLLUTION AND IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy with the Subcommittee on Oversight concluded a joint oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) work with other Federal entities to reduce pollution and improve environmental performance, after receiving testimony from Leslie Gillespie-Marthaler, Senior Advisor, Office of Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency; and Richard G. Kidd, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy, and Environment, Energy and Sustainability, Tom Hicks, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, and Kevin Geiss, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Energy, all of the Department of Defense.

RENEWABLE ENERGY TAX INCENTIVES

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine renewable energy tax incentives, focusing on how the recent and pending expirations of key incentives have affected the renewable energy industry in the United States, after receiving testimony from Ethan Zindler, Bloomberg New Energy Finance, and Benjamin Zycher, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, both of Washington, D.C.; John Purcell, Leeco Steel, Lisle, Illinois; and John P. Ragan, TPI Composites, Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 356, expressing support for the people of Tibet, with an amendment;

S. Res. 395, expressing the sense of the Senate in support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the NATO summit to be held in Chicago, Illinois from May 20 through 21, 2012, with an amendment;

S. Res. 397, promoting peace and stability in Sudan, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 80, condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights;

S. Res. 391, condemning violence by the Government of Syria against journalists, and expressing the sense of the Senate on freedom of the press in Syria, with an amendment;

S. Res. 344, supporting the democratic aspirations of the Nicaraguan people and calling attention to the deterioration of constitutional order in Nicaragua, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Julissa Reynoso, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Gina K. Abercrombie-Winstanley, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, Frederick D. Barton, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary for Conflict and Stabilization Operations, and to be Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, William E. Todd, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, Pamela A. White, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Energy Resources, John Christopher Stevens, of California, to be Ambassador to Libya, Jacob Wallis, of Delaware, to be Ambassador to the

Tunisian Republic, Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Mark A. Pekala, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Georgia, Kenneth Merten, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, and Jeffrey D. Levine, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, all of the Department of State, and Sara Margalit Aviel, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and lists in the Foreign Service.

PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security concluded a

hearing to examine the economic imperative for promoting international travel to the United States, including S. 2233, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to stimulate international tourism to the United States, after receiving testimony from Senator Mikulski; Rebecca Gambler, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and Thomas J. Donohue, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Roger Dow, U.S. Travel Association, both of Washington, D.C.

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: 10 public bills, H.R. 4263–4272; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 596, 598, 599, were introduced. **Page H1641**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1641–42**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 597, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 112) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 112–423). **Page H1641**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Paulsen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1577**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1582**

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

Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3606, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 380 yeas to 41 nays, Roll No. 132.

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Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H. Res. 596, requesting return of official papers on H.R. 5. **Page H1593**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our Nation in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families, and of all who serve in the armed forces and their families. **Page H1597**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, March 26th:

Homes for Heroes Act: H.R. 3298, to establish the position of Special Assistant for Veterans Affairs in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 414 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 133. **Pages H1598–99**

Point of Personal Privilege: Representative Maloney rose to a point of personal privilege and was recognized to proceed for one hour. **Page H1599**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012: H.R. 4239, amended, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the

Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs.

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Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2012: The House passed H.R. 3309, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, by a recorded vote of 247 ayes to 174 noes, Roll No. 138.

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Rejected the Perlmutter 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 184 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 137.

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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.

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Agreed to:

Walden amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–422) that makes the FCC's handling of FOIA requests more open and transparent;

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Al Green (TX) amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–422) that clarifies that the Act would not impede the FCC's ability to provide, in times of an emergency, for effective and efficient communication systems to alert the public of dangerous weather conditions; and

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Eshoo amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 112–422), as modified, that expresses that nothing in this Act shall impede the FCC from providing efficient and effective communication systems for state and local first responders.

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Rejected:

Speier amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 112–422) that sought to prevent this Act from taking effect until the FCC provides a report on the impact of the changes of this Act on the FCC's mandate to promote competition and innovation;

Pages H1623–24

Crowley amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–422) that sought to require, in the event that the FCC creates or amends a rule relating to baby monitors, the FCC to require the packaging of a new baby monitor to display a warning label so that families are informed that video and sounds captured by an analog baby monitor may be easily viewed or heard by potential intruders outside a consumer's home (by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 134);

Pages H1619–20, H1624–25

Eshoo amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–422) that sought to require entities sponsoring

political programming to disclose the identity of any donor that has contributed \$10,000 or more to such entity in an election reporting cycle (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 135); and

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Owens amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–422) that sought to express that nothing in this Act shall impede the FCC from implementing rules to ensure broadband access in rural areas (by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 136).

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H. Res. 595, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 131, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 130.

Pages H1593–97, H1597

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H1582 and H1586.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1596–97, H1597, H1598, H1598–99, H1624–25, H1625, H1626, H1627–28, and H1628–29. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACHIEVING HEALTHIER NATIONAL FORESTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry held a hearing entitled "U.S. Forest Service Land Management: Challenges and Opportunities for Achieving Healthier National Forests". Testimony was heard from Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Gary Barth, Director, Business and Community Services, Clackamas County, Oregon; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witnesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the General Services Administration. Testimony was heard from Martha N. Johnson, Administrator, General Services Administration; Robert Peck, Public Building Commissioner, General Services Administration; and Steven Kempf, Federal Acquisition Service Commissioner, General Services Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Fossil Energy, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability. Testimony was heard from Henry Kelly, Acting Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Patricia Hoffman, Assistant Secretary for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; and Charles McConnell, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS—HOUSE OFFICERS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for U.S. House of Representatives Officers. Testimony was heard from Daniel J. Strodel, Chief Administrative Officer; Karen L. Haas, Clerk; and Paul D. Irving, Sergeant At Arms.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Department of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from Timothy Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the FY 2013 Budget for the Department of Education, K–12. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witnesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request National Drug Policy. Testimony was heard from R. Gil Kerlikowske, Director, National Drug Control Policy.

UNDERSTANDING FUTURE IRREGULAR WARFARE CHALLENGES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on understanding future irregular warfare challenges. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ROTOCRAFT MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2013 DOD Rotocraft Modernization Programs. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Terry G. Robling, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, U.S. Marine Corps; Rear Admiral William F. Moran, USN, Director, Air Warfare Division, U.S. Navy; Richard Gilpin, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Air Programs Office; Major General William T. Crosby, USA, PEO Aviation Headquarters, U.S. Army; Major General Noel T. Jones, USAF, Director, Operational Capability Requirements, U.S. Air Force; and Major General Robert C. Kane, USAF, Director, Global Reach Programs, U.S. Air Force.

LEARNING FROM THE UPPER BIG BRANCH TRAGEDY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Learning from the Upper Big Branch Tragedy”. Testimony was heard from Joseph A. Main, Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; Jeffery Kohler, Director, Office of Mine Safety and Health Research, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; Howard L. Shapiro, Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Labor; and public witness.

IT SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “IT Supply Chain Security: Review of Government an Industry Efforts”. Testimony was heard from Gregory C. Wilshusen, Director of Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; Mitchell Komaroff, Director, Trusted Mission Systems Networks, Department of Defense; Gil Vega, Associate CIO for Cybersecurity and Chief Information Security Officer, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

CURRENT STATE OF COSMETICS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining the Current State of Cosmetics”. Testimony was heard from Michael M. Landa, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration; Michael J. DiBartolomeis, Chief Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and California, Safe Cosmetics Program California Department of Public Health; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL RESERVE AID TO THE EUROZONE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology held a hearing entitled “Federal Reserve Aid to the Eurozone: Its Impact on the U.S. and the Dollar”. Testimony was heard from William C. Dudley, President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of New York; and Steven B. Kamin, Director, Division of International Finance, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 4264, the “FHA Emergency Fiscal Solvency Act of 2012”; H.R. 2446, the “RESPA Home Warranty Clarification Act of 2011”; H.R. 3283, the “Swap Jurisdiction Certainty Act”; and H.R. 4235, the “Swap Data Repository and Clearinghouse Indemnification Correction Act of 2012”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2446; H.R. 3283; and H.R. 4235. The following bill was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 4264.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Services held a markup of H.R. 1940, the “International Child Abduction Prevention and Return Act of 2011”; H.R. 3605, the Global Online Freedom Act of 2011”; and H.R. 4141 the “International Food Assistance Improvement Act of 2012”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1940; H.R. 3605; and H.R. 4141.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN EUROPE AND EURASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia held a hearing entitled “Creating Jobs: Economic Opportunities in Europe and Eurasia”. Testimony was heard from Robert D. Hormats, Under Secretary, Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a markup of H.R. 4251, the “SMART Port Security Act”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 3862, the “Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2012”; and H.R. 2299, the “Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act”. H.R. 3862 was ordered reported, as amended; and H.R. 2299 was ordered reported, without amendment.

HARNESSING AMERICAN RESOURCES TO CREATE JOBS AND ADDRESS RISING GASOLINE PRICES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Family Vacations and U.S. Tourism Industry”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CAN A USPS-RUN HEALTH PLAN SOLVE ITS FINANCIAL CRISIS?

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy held a hearing entitled “Can a USPS-Run Health Plan Solve its Financial Crisis?”. Testimony was heard from Patrick Donahoe, Postmaster General and CEO, United States Postal Service; and public witness.

LABOR ABUSES, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AND GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform held a hearing entitled “Labor Abuses, Human Trafficking, and Government Contracts: Is the Government Doing Enough to Protect Vulnerable Workers?”. Testimony was heard from Senators Blumenthal and Portman; Luis C. deBaca, Ambassador at Large, Department of State; Cathy J. Read, Director, Office of Acquisitions Management, Department of State; Evelyn R. Klemstine, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, Department of State; Richard T. Ginman, Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense; Sharon Cooper, Director, Defense Human Resources Activity, Department of Defense; and Kenneth P. Moorefield, Deputy Inspector General for Special Plans & Operations, Department of Defense.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013; AND SUSPENSION AUTHORITY

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H. Con. Res. 112, the “Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013”. The Committee, granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing four hours of general debate, with three hours confined to the congressional budget equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget and one hour on the subject of economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Rep. Brady of Texas and Rep. Hinchey of New York or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. 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, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except that the adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute shall constitute the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment. The rule provides, upon the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment, a final period of general debate, which shall not exceed 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule permits the chair of the Committee on the Budget to offer amendments in the House pursuant to section 305(a)(5) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to achieve mathematical consistency. The rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Finally, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of March 29, 2012, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules, as though under clause 1 of rule XV, relating to a measure extending expiring surface transportation authority. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Chairman Ryan (WI); Van Hollen; Mulvaney; Honda; Scott (VA); and Ellison.

FOSTERING THE U.S. COMPETITIVE EDGE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Fostering the U.S. Competitive Edge: Examining the Effects of Federal Policies on

Competition, Innovation, and Job Growth”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRESIDENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “A Review of the President’s Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request for the Army Corps of Engineers”. Testimony was heard from Major General Meredith “Bo” Temple, Acting Chief of Engineers, United States Army Corps of Engineers.

FROM THE GROUND UP: ASSESSING ONGOING DELAYS IN VA MAJOR CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “From the Ground Up: Assessing Ongoing Delays in VA Major Construction”. Testimony was heard from Robert A. Petzel, Under Secretary for Health Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Glenn D. Haggstrom, Executive Director, Office of Acquisitions, Logistics, and Construction, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities. This was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

MONETARY POLICY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine monetary policy going forward, focusing on why a sound dollar boosts growth and employment, after receiving testimony from John B. Taylor, Stanford University, Stanford, California; and Laurence H. Meyer, Macroeconomic Advisers, and William Poole, University of Delaware, both of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the National Institutes of Health, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense health programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Air Force, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine enhancing economic growth, focusing on the Department of the Treasury's responses to the foreclosure crisis and mounting student loan debt, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower, to receive a closed briefing on the *Ohio*-class Replacement Program in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense nuclear forces and policies in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine retirement, focusing on examining the retirement savings deficit, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: To hold hearings to examine the science and standards of forensics, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: To hold hearings to examine United States policy on Iran, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine assessing efforts to combat waste and fraud in Federal programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: To hold hearings to examine the Special Counsel's report on the prosecution of Senator Ted Stevens, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael P. Shea, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Gonzalo P. Curiel, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Robert J. Shelby, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, 3 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Margaret Bartley, of Maryland, and Coral Wong Pietsch, of Hawaii, both to be a Judge

of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, 9:45 a.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing on H.R. 3283, the "Swap Jurisdiction Certainty Act"; H.R. 1838, to repeal a provision of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act prohibiting any Federal bailout of swap dealers or participants; and the Swap Data Repository and Clearinghouse Indemnification Correction Act of 2012, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on American Manufacturing and Job Repatriation, 9 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witnesses, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Treasury, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Department of Labor, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Bureau of Reclamation, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for U.S. Judicial Conference and U.S. Courts, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Loan Guarantee Program and Advanced Research Projects—Agency Energy, 2 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces—Korea, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on the security situation on the Korean Peninsula, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on the Army and Marine Corps Materiel Reset, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Reviewing the President's Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Proposal for the U.S. Department of Education", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "The American Energy Initiative: A Focus on Legislative Responses to Rising Gasoline Prices", 9:45 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Cybersecurity: Threats to Communications Networks and Public-Sector Responses", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Accounting and Auditing Oversight: Pending Proposals and Emerging Issues Confronting Regulators, Standard Setters and the Economy”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Collapse of MF Global: Part 3”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 4240, to reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Investigating the Chinese Threat, Part One: Military and Economic Aggression”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Price of Public Diplomacy with China”, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 2179, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer unclaimed money recovered at airport security checkpoints to United Service Organizations, Incorporated, and for other purposes; H.R. 2764, the “WMD Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2011”; H.R. 3140, the “Mass Transit Intelligence Prioritization Act”; and H.R. 3563, the “Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2011”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “Rightsizing TSA Bureaucracy and Workforce Without Compromising Security”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing entitled H.R. 4223, the “Safe Doses Act”; H.R. 3668, the “Counterfeit Drug Penalty Enhancement Act of 2011”; and H.R. 4216, the “Foreign Counterfeit Prevention Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, business meeting on a motion to authorize the Chairman to issue duces tecum subpoenas for the production of documents relating to investigations regarding: the Secretary of the Interior’s decision and the process to rewrite the 2008

Stream Buffer Zone Rule under the Surface Mining Reclamation and Control Act; and the process used in the preparation of a Department of the Interior report on offshore oil and natural gas operations under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act that implied that peer reviewers from the National Academy of Engineers had endorsed an offshore oil and natural gas drilling moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Securing the Promise of the International Space Station: Challenges and Opportunities”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

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Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 9, the “Small Business Tax Cut Act”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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10 a.m., Wednesday, March 28

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2230, Paying a Fair Share Act.

At 5 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the nominations of Miranda Du, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, and Susie Morgan, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, with votes on confirmation of the nominations, at approximately 6 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Begin consideration of H. Con. Res. 112—Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022 (Subject to a Rule).

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