

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2284–2285, S. Res. 418, and S. Con. Res. 40. **Page S2324**

Measures Considered:

Paying A Fair Share Act: Senate resumed 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.

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

By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 65), 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. **Page S2313**

21st Century Postal Service Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service, that the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider be agreed to and that there be up to ten minutes of debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, upon reconsideration. **Page S2342**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 91 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. Ex. 64), Stephanie Dawn Thacker, of West Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ingrid A. Gregg, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2017.

James L. Henderson, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2017.

Vicki Miles-LaGrange, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2015.

Charles P. Rose, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation for a term expiring April 16, 2017.

Jay Nicholas Anania, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname.

Gene Allan Cretz, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana.

Susan Marsh Elliott, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan.

David J. Lane, of Florida, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture.

Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2019. **Page S2342**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2342.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 4348–4362; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 613, 615–618 were introduced. **Pages H1844–45**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1846–48**

Reports Filed: A report was filed on April 10, 2012 as follows:

H.R. 9, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction for domestic business income of qualified small businesses, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–425).

A report was filed on April 13, 2012 as follows:

H.R. 4089, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing and shooting, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–426, Pt. 1).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 205, to amend the Act titled “An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases”, approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior with amendments (H. Rept. 112–427);

S. 292, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (H. Rept. 112–428);

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 (H. Rept. 112–429);

H.R. 1545, to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–430);

H.R. 2915, to repeal the Western Area Power Administration borrowing authority, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–431);

S. 271, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–432);

S. 404, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior (H. Rept. 112–433);

S. 684, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah (H. Rept. 112–434);

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. Rept. 112–435);

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, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–436);

H.R. 2050, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–437);

H.R. 2060, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112-438);

H.R. 2157, to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112-439);

H.R. 2938, to prohibit certain gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112-440);

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. Rept. 112-441);

H.R. 3263, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage and conveyance of non-project water at the Norman project in Oklahoma, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112-442);

H.R. 3310, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112-443); and

H. Res. 614, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4089) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing and shooting, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112-444).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m.

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

Raoul Wallenberg Centennial Celebration Act: H.R. 3001, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Raoul Wallenberg, in recognition of his achievements and heroic actions during the Holocaust, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 377 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 152 and **Pages H1814-17, H1826-27**

Providing for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus: H.R. 4040, to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 373 yeas to 4 nays with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 153. **Pages H1820-23, H1827-28**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:10 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H1826**

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

Lena Horne Recognition Act: H.R. 1815, to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Lena Horne in recognition of her achievements and contributions to American culture and the civil rights movement and **Pages H1817-20**

Mark Twain Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 2453, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Mark Twain. **Pages H1824-26**

Committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Donald M. Payne—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment on March 14, 2012 of the following Members of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Donald M. Payne: Representatives Smith (NJ) and Clyburn; The members of the New Jersey delegation: Representatives Pallone, Andrews, Frelinghuysen, LoBiondo, Pascrell, Rothman, Holt, Garrett, Sires, Lance, and Runyan; and Representatives Kaptur, Levin, Towns, Waters, Corrine Brown (FL), Rush, Scott (VA), Watt, Woolsey, Jackson Lee (TX), Jackson (IL), Clay, Butterfield, Cleaver, Al Green (TX), Moore, Clarke (NY), Johnson (GA), Edwards, Fudge, Bass (CA), Sewell, Norton, and Christensen. **Page H1828**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1826-27, H1827. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power began a markup of the “Gasoline Regulations Act of 2012” and the “Strategic Energy Production Act of 2012”.

GSA’S CULTURE OF WASTEFUL SPENDING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Addressing GSA’s Culture of Wasteful Spending”. Testimony was heard from the following GSA officials: Brian D. Miller, Inspector General; Martha N. Johnson, Former Administrator; Michael J. Robertson, Chief of Staff; and David E. Foley, Deputy Commissioner,

Public Buildings Service; and Daniel M. Tangherlini, Acting Administrator.

SPORTSMEN'S HERITAGE ACT OF 2012

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4089, the "Sportsmen's Heritage Act of 2012". 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 112-19 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. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule further provides that the House-passed budget resolution shall have force and effect until the adoption of a conference report on the budget resolution. The rule provides that the reconciliation directives, provided in the House-passed budget resolution, to the Committee on Agriculture to be decreased by \$490 million and the directives to the Committee on Financial Services be increased by \$490 million for the period of fiscal years 2012 and 2013. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Chairman Hastings (WA); Holt; Fleming; and Heinrich.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 1460, to provide for automatic enrollment of veterans returning from combat zones into the VA medical system, and for other purposes; H.R. 3016, to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to jointly operate the Federal Recovery Coordination Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 3245, the "Efficient Service for Veterans Act"; H.R. 3279, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that caregivers for veterans with serious illnesses are eligible for assistance and support

services provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3337, the "Open Burn Pit Registry Act of 2011"; H.R. 3723, the "Enhanced Veteran Healthcare Experience Act of 2011"; and H.R. 4079, the "Safe Housing for Homeless Veterans Act". Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Owens; Barrow; Denham; Akin; Schilling; and McKinley; Robert L. Jesse, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D255)

H.R. 4281, 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. Signed on March 30, 2012. (Public Law 112-102)

H.R. 473, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America. Signed on April 2, 2012. (Public Law 112-103)

H.R. 886, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the establishment of the Nation's first Federal law enforcement agency, the United States Marshals Service. Signed on April 2, 2012. (Public Law 112-104)

S. 2038, to prohibit Members of Congress and employees of Congress from using nonpublic information derived from their official positions for personal benefit. Signed on April 4, 2012. (Public Law 112-105)

H.R. 3606, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies. Signed on April 5, 2012. (Public Law 112-106)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Commerce, Justice, Science and related agencies, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and related agencies, 3:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the health and status of the Department of Defense science and technology laboratories and enterprise in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Export-Import Bank reauthorization, focusing on saving American jobs and supporting American exporters, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion, to hold hearings to examine promoting American competitiveness, focusing on filling jobs today and training workers for tomorrow, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine mercury pollution's impacts to public health and the environment, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine S. 2139, to enhance security, increase accountability, and improve the contracting of the Federal Government for overseas contingency operations, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine ending racial profiling in America, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine how the taxation of capital affects growth and employment, 10 a.m., SH-216.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 17 through April 20, 2012

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1789, 21st Century Postal Service Act, and after agreeing to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked, vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, upon reconsideration, at approximately 11:10 a.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: April 17, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Commerce, Justice, Science and related agencies, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

April 17, Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and related agencies, 3:30 p.m., SD-138.

April 18, Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the United States Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

April 18, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Missile Defense Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

April 18, Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government, to hold hearings to examine the General Services Administration, focusing on a review of the recent Inspector General management deficiency report and an assessment of the fiscal year 2013 General Services Administration (GSA) funding request, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

April 19, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Food and Drug Administration, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: April 17, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the health and status of the Department of Defense science and technology laboratories and enterprise in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 18, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the National Security Administration management of its National Security Laboratories, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 18, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine financial management and business transformation at the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

April 19, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 17, to hold hearings to examine the Export-Import Bank reauthorization, focusing on saving American jobs and supporting American exporters, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: April 18, business meeting to consider the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2013, 2 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 17, Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and

Export Promotion, to hold hearings to examine promoting American competitiveness, focusing on filling jobs today and training workers for tomorrow, 10 a.m., SR-253.

April 18, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine protecting commuters, focusing on ensuring accountability and oversight in tolling, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 19, to hold hearings to examine the impacts of sea level rise on domestic energy and water infrastructure, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 17, Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine mercury pollution's impacts to public health and the environment, 10 a.m., SD-406.

April 18, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the General Services Administration (GSA), 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: April 18, Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness, to hold a hearing to examine the Asia Pacific, focusing on trade opportunities for agriculture and food producers from the Great Plains to the Pacific Northwest, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 18, to receive a closed briefing on an intelligence update on Iran and Syria, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

April 18, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the United States policy response to entrenched African leadership, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

April 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Syria, focusing on United States policy options, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 18, to hold hearings to examine effective strategies for accelerated learning, 10 a.m., SD-430.

April 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine delays in OSHA's standard-setting process and the impact on worker safety, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: April 17, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine S. 2139, to enhance security, increase accountability, and improve the contracting of the Federal Government for overseas contingency operations, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

April 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Joseph G. Jordan, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Executive Office of the President, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: April 19, to hold hearings to examine S. 1684, to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 17, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine ending racial profiling in America, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Xavier Dempsey, of California,

Elisebeth Collins Cook, of Illinois, Rachel L. Brand, of Iowa, David Medine, of Maryland, to be Chairman, and Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, all to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of William J. Kayatta, Jr., of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, John Thomas Fowlkes, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, Kevin McNulty, and Michael A. Shipp, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Stephanie Marie Rose, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, Michael P. Shea, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Gonzalo P. Curiel, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Robert J. Shelby, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: April 18, to hold hearings to examine perspectives from the entrepreneurial ecosystem, focusing on creating jobs and growing businesses through entrepreneurship, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 17, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 18, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: April 18, to hold hearings to examine the future of long-term care, focusing on saving money by serving seniors, 2 p.m., SH-216.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, April 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider a proposal to satisfy the Committee's reconciliation instructions required by H. Con. Res. 112, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, April 18, Subcommittee on Energy and Water, markup of Appropriations Bill FY 2013, 9:30 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

April 19, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, markup of Appropriations Bill FY 2013, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, April 17, Full Committee, Member's day on national defense priorities for the fiscal year 2013 national defense authorization bill, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 17, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on FY 2013 National Defense Budget Request for Atomic Energy Defense Activities and Nuclear Forces Programs, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Navy's 30 Year Shipbuilding Plan—Assumptions and Associated Risks to National Security, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 19, Full Committee, hearing on Recent Developments in the Middle East: The Security Situation in the Syrian Arab Republic, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, April 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Strengthening the Safety Net”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, April 17, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 4297, the “Workforce Investment Improvement Act of 2012”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 18, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Reviewing the Impact of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs’ Regulatory and Enforcement Actions”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, April 17, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, continued markup of the “Gasoline Regulations Act of 2012”; and the “Strategic Energy Production Act of 2012”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 18, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “FDA User Fees 2012: How Innovation Helps Patients and Jobs”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Budget and Spending Concerns at DOE”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

April 19, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing on H.R. 4345, the “Domestic Fuels Protection Act of 2012”, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

April 19, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Where the Jobs Are: Can American Manufacturing Thrive Again?”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, April 17, Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology, hearing entitled “The Future of Money: Coinage Production”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 18, Full Committee, markup of the “Affordable Housing and Self-Sufficiency Improvement Act of 2012” and the Committee Print of Budget Reconciliation legislative recommendations of the Committee on Financial Services, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 19, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Budget Hearing—the Office of Financial Research”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, April 17, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled “The Increasing American Jobs Through Greater Exports to Africa Act”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “North Korea after Kim Jong-il: Still Dangerous and Erratic”, 10 a.m., 2127 Rayburn.

April 18, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “Bureau of Counterterrorism: Budget, Programs, and Policies”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, April 17, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime, hearing entitled “Boots on the Ground or Eyes in the Sky: How Best to Utilize the National Guard to Achieve Operational Control”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

April 17, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “Taking

Measure of Countermeasures (Part 3): Protecting the Protectors”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

April 18, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “Building Secure Partnerships in Travel, Commerce, and Trade with the Asia-Pacific Region”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

April 18, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 3674, the “PRECISE Act of 2011”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

April 19, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, hearing entitled “The DHS and DOE National Labs: Finding Efficiencies and Optimizing Outputs in Homeland Security Research and Development”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, April 18, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Library of Congress: Ensuring Continuity and Efficiency During Leadership Transitions”, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 17, Full Committee, begin markup of Committee Print of Material to be Transmitted to the Committee on the Budget Pursuant to Section 201 of H. Con. Res. 112, 2:15 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 18, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing entitled “Voting Wrongs: Oversight of the Justice Department’s Voting Rights Enforcement”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 18, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing entitled “Document Fraud in Employment Authorization: How an E-Verify Requirement Can Help”, 11:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 18, Full Committee, continue markup of Committee Print of Material to be Transmitted to the Committee on the Budget Pursuant to Section 201 of H. Con. Res. 112, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 19, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “The Prosecution of Former Senator Ted Stevens”, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, April 17, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 3388, the “Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Protection Act”; H.R. 3874, the “Black Hills Cemetery Act”; H.R. 4039, the “Yerington Land Conveyance and Sustainable Development Act”; H.R. 4073, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to accept the quitclaim, disclaimer, and relinquishment of a railroad right of way within and adjacent to Pike National Forest in El Paso County, Colorado, originally granted to the Mt. Manitou Park and Incline Railway Company pursuant to the Act of March 3, 1875; H.R. 4193, the “Land Acquisition to cut National Debt Act”; and H.R. 4222, to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Tucson Unified School District and to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 17, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 460, the “Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act”; and H.R. 2664, the “Reauthorization of Water Desalination Act of 2011”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 19, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 4043, the “Military Readiness and Southern Sea Otter Conservation Act”, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

April 19, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “Bureau of Land Management’s Hydraulic Fracturing Rule’s Impact on Indian Tribal Energy Development”, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, April 17, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled “The SEC’s Aversion to Cost-Benefit Analysis”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 18, Full Committee, markup of the following measures: H.R. 538, the “Federal Customer Service Enhancement Act”; H.R. 3609, the “Taxpayers Right to Know Act”; H.R. 4257, the “Federal Information Security Amendments Act of 2012”; legislation providing the authority to offer phased retirement to federal employees; legislation clarifying that Federal tax levies may be enforced against TSP accounts; and legislation reforming the law governing the pay of recess appointees, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 19, Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing entitled “Problems at the Internal Revenue Service: Closing the Tax Gap and Preventing Identity Theft”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, April 17, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 9, the “Small Business Tax Cut Act”; and the “Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012, Part II”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, April 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Tapping America’s Unconventional Oil Resources for Job Creation and Affordable Domestic Energy: Technology and Policy Pathways”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 18, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing entitled “NSF Major Multi-User Research Facilities Management: Ensuring Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 18, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing entitled “Avoiding the Spectrum Crunch: Growing the Wireless Economy through Innovation”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 19, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight; and Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, joint hearing entitled “Impact of Tax Policies on the Commercial Application of Renewable Energy and Technology”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, April 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Tax Outlook for Small Businesses: What’s on the Horizon?”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

April 19, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Equity Finance: Catalyst for Small Business Growth”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, April 17, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “GSA’s Squandering of Taxpayer Dollars: A Pattern of Mismanagement, Excess, and Waste”, 8:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 18, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “How Reliability of the Inland Waterway System Impacts Economic Competitiveness”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through March 31, 2012

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	44	46	..
Time in session	256 hrs., 12'	206 hrs., 59'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	S2,285	H1,811	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	E518	..
Public bills enacted into law	2	10	12
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	80	86	166
Senate bills	10	3	..
House bills	12	43	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent	4	3	..
House concurrent	3	5	..
Simple resolutions	51	31	..
Measures reported, total	*64	*61	125
Senate bills	52	1	..
House bills	3	40	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent .....	..	..	..
House concurrent .....	..	1	..
Simple resolutions	9	19	..
Special reports .....	..	1	..
Conference reports .....	..	2	..
Measures pending on calendar	252	22	..
Measures introduced, total	330	716	1,046
Bills	252	582	..
Joint resolutions	6	10	..
Concurrent resolutions	6	20	..
Simple resolutions	66	104	..
Quorum calls .....	..	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	63	61	..
Recorded votes .....	..	89	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through March 31, 2012

Civilian Nominations, totaling 275 (including 188 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		84
Unconfirmed		184
Withdrawn		7
Other Civilian Nominations, totaling 739 (including 167 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		441
Unconfirmed		298
Air Force Nominations, totaling 1,908 (including 295 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,243
Unconfirmed		665
Army Nominations, totaling 3,439 (including 16 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,224
Unconfirmed		2,215
Navy Nominations, totaling 122 (including 1 nomination carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		63
Unconfirmed		59
Marine Corps Nominations, totaling 1,300, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		123
Unconfirmed		1,177
<i>Summary</i>		
Total Nominations carried over from the First Session		667
Total Nominations Received this Session		7,116
Total Confirmed		3,178
Total Unconfirmed		4,598
Total Withdrawn		7
Total Returned to the White House .....		..

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 52 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 64 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, April 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1789, 21st Century Postal Service Act, and after agreeing to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked, vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, upon reconsideration, at approximately 11:10 a.m.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, April 17

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of H.R. 4089—Sportsmen's Heritage Act of 2012 (Subject to a Rule).

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