

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2345–S2454

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2286–2292, S. Res. 419–423, and S. Con. Res. 41. **Pages S2392–93**

Measures Passed:

Gold Star Wives Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 420, designating April 5, 2012, as “Gold Star Wives Day”. **Pages S2451–52**

Global Youth Service Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 421, designating April 20 through 22, 2012, as “Global Youth Service Day”. **Pages S2452–53**

Congratulating the University of Kentucky Men’s Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 422, commending and congratulating the University of Kentucky men’s basketball team for winning its eighth Division I National Collegiate Athletic Association championship. **Page S2453**

Congratulating Western Washington University Men’s Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 423, congratulating Western Washington University for winning the 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Men’s Basketball Championship. **Page S2453**

Measures Considered:

21st Century Postal Service Act: Senate began consideration of S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, withdrawing the committee-reported substitute amendment, and taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S2348–70, S2435–51**

Pending:

Reid (for Lieberman) Modified Amendment No. 2000, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2369**

Reid Amendment No. 2013 (to Amendment No. 2000), to change the enactment date. **Page S2369**

Reid Amendment No. 2014 (to Amendment No. 2013), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2369**

Reid Amendment No. 2015 (to the language proposed to be stricken (by Amendment No. 2000)), to change the enactment date. **Page S2369**

Reid Amendment No. 2016 (to Amendment No. 2015), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2369**

Reid motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2017, to change the enactment date. **Page S2369**

Reid Amendment No. 2018 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2017), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2369**

Reid Amendment No. 2019 (to Amendment No. 2018), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2369**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Lieberman) Modified Amendment No. 2000 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, April 19, 2012. **Page S2454**

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 on cloture will occur upon disposition of Reid (for Lieberman) Modified Amendment No. 2000 (listed above). **Pages S2435–51**

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

Pursuant to the order of April 16, 2012, the motion to proceed to consideration of the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on March 27, 2012, was agreed to. **Page S2369**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on March 27, 2012, was agreed to. **Page S2348**

By 74 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 66), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S2348–49**

Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1925, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, with the first hour equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with the Majority controlling the first 30 minutes and the Republicans controlling the second 30 minutes.

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Messages from the House: **Page S2388**

Measures Referred: **Page S2388**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S2387–88**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S2405–34**

Authorities for Committees to Meet:
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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—66) **Page S2349**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2012. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2454.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2013.

APPROPRIATIONS: TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and related agencies for fiscal year 2013.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Zachary J. Lemnios, Assistant Secretary for Research and Engineering, Marilyn Freeman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology, Mary E. Lacey, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, and Steven H. Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Science, Technology and Engineering, all of the Department of Defense.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Export-Import Bank reauthorization, focusing on saving American jobs and supporting American exporters, including S. 1547, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after receiving testimony from Robert Patton, Patton Electronics Co., Damascus, Maryland, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Sonya Kostadinova, Transcon Trading Co., Inc., Columbia, South Carolina, on behalf of Small Business Exporters Association; David Ickert, Air Tractor, Inc., Olney, Texas, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers; and R. Thomas Buffenbarger, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Brookeville, Maryland.

PROMOTING AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion concluded a hearing to examine promoting American competitiveness, focusing on filling jobs today and training workers for tomorrow, after receiving testimony from Martha Kanter, Under Secretary of Education; Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training Administration; Roger D. Kilmer, Director, Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Jennifer McNelly, Manufacturing Institute, Washington, DC; Robert H. Kill, Enterprise Minnesota, Minneapolis; Monica Pfarr, American Welding Society Foundation, Miami, Florida; Lee Lambert, Shoreline Community College, Shoreline, Washington; and Don Nissanka, Exergonix, Inc., Lee’s Summit, Missouri.

MERCURY POLLUTION'S IMPACTS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine mercury pollution's impacts to public health and the environment, after receiving testimony from Jerome A. Paulson, American Academy of Pediatrics, Susan E. Dudley, George Washington University Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration Regulatory Studies Center, and Jeffrey R. Holmstead, Bracewell and Giuliani LLP, all of Washington, DC; Brenda Archambo, Sturgeon for Tomorrow, Cheboygan, Michigan; and Charles T. Driscoll, Syracuse University Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Syracuse, New York.

COMPREHENSIVE CONTINGENCY CONTRACTING REFORM ACT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine S. 2139, to enhance security, increase accountability, and improve the contracting of the Federal Government for overseas contingency operations, after receiving testimony from Senator Webb; Richard T. Ginman, Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, and Lynne M. Halbrooks, Acting Inspector General, both of the Department of Defense; Patrick F. Kennedy, Under Secretary for Management, and Harold

W. Geisel, Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, and the Broadcasting Board of Governors, both of the Department of State; and Angelique M. Crumbly, Acting Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Management, and Michael Carroll, Acting Inspector General, both of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

ENDING RACIAL PROFILING IN AMERICA

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine ending racial profiling in America, including S. 1670, to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, after receiving testimony from Senator Cardin; Representatives Conyers, Gutierrez, Ellison, Chu, and Frederica Wilson; Ronald L. Davis, Chief of Police, East Palo Alto, California; Anthony D. Romero, American Civil Liberties Union, New York, New York; Frank Gale, Fraternal Order of Police, Denver, Colorado; Roger Clegg, Center for Equal Opportunity, Falls Church, Virginia; and David A. Harris, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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: 14 public bills, H.R. 4363–4376; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 621 was introduced. **Page H1914**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1915–16**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3523, to provide for the sharing of certain cyber threat intelligence and cyber threat information between the intelligence community and cybersecurity entities, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–445);

H. Res. 619, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4348) 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, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–446);

H. Res. 620, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 9) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction for domestic business income of qualified small businesses (H. Rept. 112–447); and

H.R. 1505, to prohibit the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture from taking action on public lands which impede border security on such lands, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–448, Pt. 1). **Page H1914**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fleischmann to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1849**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:12 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1856**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, April 16th:

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 410 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 157. **Pages H1872–73**

Sportsmen's Heritage Act of 2012: The House passed H.R. 4089, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing and shooting, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 274 yeas to 146 nays, Roll No. 164. **Pages H1860–72, H1873–96**

Rejected the Tierney motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 160 yeas to 261 noes, Roll No. 163. **Pages H1895–96**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–19 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill. That amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. **Pages H1879–81**

Agreed to:

Hastings (WA) manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–444) that adds shooting ranges to the list of valid uses of public land and clarifies the term "wilderness areas" by adding "including Wilderness Areas, Wilderness Study Areas, or lands administratively classified as wilderness eligible or suitable and primitive or semi-primitive areas." States that the protection given to hunting in wilderness areas is not intended to permit motorized recreation or mineral extraction and reduces the reporting requirements. Addresses technical conflicts between Title I and Title II over certain Bureau of Land Management land and makes several technical changes; **Pages H1881–82**

Fleming amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–444) that prohibits the Forest Service from banning hunters with dogs during deer season on Kisatchie National Forest; and **Pages H1886–87**

Foxx amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–444) that requires Presidential monument designations provided for under the Antiquities Act to be approved by the state legislatures and governors where the proposed monument is located (by a recorded vote of 223 yeas to 198 noes, Roll No. 162). **Pages H1889–91, H1894–95**

Rejected:

Holt amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–444) that sought to make a technical correction to clarify that all units of the National Park System, not just National Parks and National Monuments,

are exempt from Title I. National Park System units currently open for hunting or recreational shooting would not be affected (by a recorded vote of 152 yeas to 260 noes, Roll No. 158);

Pages H1882–83, H1891–92

Grijalva amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–444) that sought to make the new restrictions on managing hunting, fishing and recreational shooting effective only if the amount of land available for those purposes falls below 75% of all Federal public lands (by a recorded vote of 138 yeas to 279 noes, Roll No. 159); **Pages H1883–84, H1892–93**

Peters amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–444) that sought to strike a provision in the underlying bill allowing the importation of endangered polar bear trophies from Canada by hunters who killed the bears despite warnings that importation of the bears would likely be illegal (by a recorded vote of 155 yeas to 262 noes, Roll No. 160); and **Pages H1884–86, H1893**

Heinrich amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–444) that sought to preserve hunting, fishing and recreational shooting in wilderness areas by specifying that the underlying bill will not allow development and motorized recreation in wilderness (by a recorded vote of 176 yeas to 244 noes, Roll No. 161). **Pages H1887–89, H1893**

Withdrawn:

Bishop (NY) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–444) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have allowed for recreational fishing of Atlantic Striped Bass in the Block Island Sound transit zone. **Pages H1887–88**

H. Res. 614, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 yeas to 184 noes, Roll No. 156, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 235 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 155. **Pages H1870–72**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 614 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a yeas-and-nays vote of 234 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 154. **Pages H1860–62**

Pursuant to section 2 of H. Res. 614, the provisions of H. Con. Res. 112, as adopted by the House, shall have force and effect in the House as though Congress has adopted such concurrent resolution with the modifications specified in subsection (b), pending the adoption of a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2013. **Page H1860**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:10 p.m. and reconvened at 5:53 p.m. **Page H1891**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas-and-nays votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1862,

H1871, H1871–72, H1872–73, H1891–92, H1892–93, H1893, H1893–94, H1894–95, H1896, H1896–97. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BILL

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a Member's Day on national defense priorities for the fiscal year 2013 national defense authorization bill. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Hanna; Connolly; Holt; Huelskamp; Davis, IL; Cravaack; Boren; Guthrie; Graves; Neugebauer; Walsh; Pierluisi; Chu; Herrera-Beutler; Latham; Stivers; Murphy, PA; Crawford; and Honda.

NATIONAL DEFENSE BUDGET—ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on FY 2013 National Defense Budget Request for Atomic Energy Defense Activities and Nuclear Forces Programs. Testimony was heard from Madelyn R. Creedon, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Strategic Affairs, Department of Defense; General C. Robert Kehler, USAF, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; Thomas P. D'Agostino, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy; David G. HuiZenga, Senior Advisor for Environmental Management, Department of Energy; and Peter S. Winokur, Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

STRENGTHENING THE SAFETY NET

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Strengthening the Safety Net". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4297, the "Workforce Investment Improvement Act of 2012". Testimony was heard from Norma Noble, Deputy Secretary of Commerce for Workforce Development, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Sandy Harmsen, San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power continued a markup of the "Gasoline Regulations Act of 2012"; and the "Strategic Energy Production Act of 2012". The "Gasoline

Regulations Act of 2012" was ordered reported, as amended; and the "Strategic Energy Production Act of 2012" was ordered reported, as amended.

COINAGE PRODUCTION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology held a hearing entitled "The Future of Money: Coinage Production". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INCREASING AMERICAN JOBS THROUGH GREATER EXPORTS TO AFRICA ART

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled "The Increasing American Jobs Through Greater Exports to Africa Act". Testimony was heard from Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Florizelle Liser, Assistant United States Trade Representative for Africa, Office of the United States Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

UTILIZATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD TO ACHIEVE OPERATIONAL CONTROL

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime held a hearing entitled "Boots on the Ground or Eyes in the Sky: How Best to Utilize the National Guard to Achieve Operational Control". Testimony was heard from Paul N. Stockton, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; Ronald D. Vitiello, Deputy Chief, Border Patrol, Department of Homeland Security; Martin Vaughan, Executive Director, Southwest Region, Office of Air and Marine, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Major General John Nichols, Adjutant General, Texas National Guard; and Brian J. Lepore, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office.

TAKING MEASURE OF COUNTERMEASURES (PART 3): PROTECTING THE PROTECTORS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled "Taking Measure of Countermeasures (Part 3): Protecting the Protectors". Testimony was heard from J. D. Polk, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Health Affairs, Department of Homeland Security; Edward J. Gabriel, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; Chris Nocco, Sheriff, Pasco County, Florida; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee began a markup of Committee Print of Material to be Transmitted to the Committee on the Budget Pursuant to Section 201 of H. Con. Res. 112.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a 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. Testimony was heard from Representatives Langevin; and Stivers; William D. Shaddox, Chief Land Resources Division, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Leslie A. C. Weldon, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Michael Nedd, Assistant Director, Minerals and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; George Dini, Mayor, Yerington, Nevada; and public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on H.R. 460, the “Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act”; and H.R. 2664, the “Reauthorization of Water Desalination Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from David Murillo, Deputy Commissioner and Director of Operations, Bureau of Reclamation; and public witnesses.

SEC'S AVERSION TO COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs held a hearing entitled “The SEC’s Aversion to Cost-Benefit Analysis”. Testimony was heard from Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS TAX CUT ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 9, the “Small Business Tax Cut Act”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read and shall be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report, which may be offered only by Representative Levin of Michigan or his designee, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes 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 amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Brady, (TX); Levin; and McDermott.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2012

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4348, the “Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012, Part II”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 7 to 3, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. 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, 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. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Mica.

TAPPING AMERICA'S UNCONVENTIONAL OIL RESOURCES FOR JOB CREATION AND AFFORDABLE DOMESTIC ENERGY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Tapping America's Unconventional Oil Resources for Job Creation and Affordable Domestic Energy: Technology and Policy Pathways". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GSA'S SQUANDERING OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled "GSA's Squandering of Taxpayer Dollars: A Pattern of Mismanagement, Excess, and Waste". Testimony was heard from the following GSA officials: Daniel Tangherlini, Acting Administrator; Brian Miller, Inspector General; Martha Johnson, Former Administrator; Susan Brita, Deputy Administrator; Alison Doone, Chief Financial Officer; Robert Peck, Former Public Buildings Service (PBS) Commissioner; David Foley, Public Building Services Deputy Commissioner; and Lisa Daniels, Event Planner, Public Buildings Service.

TAX REFORM AND TAX-FAVORED RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on tax reform and tax-favored retirement accounts. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

TAXATION OF CAPITAL

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how the taxation of capital affects growth and employment, after receiving testimony from Jane G. Gravelle, Senior Specialist in Economic Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Kevin A. Hassett, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, Washington, DC.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

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

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

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.

Committee on Armed Services: 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.

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.

Committee on the Budget: 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: 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 Environment and Public Works: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the General Services Administration (GSA), 10 a.m., SD-406.

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

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

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

Committee on the Judiciary: 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.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: 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: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

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

House

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

Committee on Armed Services, 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.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "FDA User Fees 2012: How Innovation Helps Patients and Jobs", 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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

Committee on Financial Services, 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.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "North Korea after Kim Jong-il: Still Dangerous and Erratic", 10 a.m., 2127 Rayburn.

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

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled "Building Secure Partnerships in Travel, Commerce, and Trade with the Asia-Pacific Region", 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Full Committee, markup of H.R. 3674, the "PRECISE Act of 2011", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

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

Committee on the Judiciary, 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.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing entitled "Voting Wrongs: Oversight of the Justice Department's Voting Rights Enforcement", 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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