

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4313–S4377

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3315–3324, and S. Res. 500–502. **Page S4368**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 385, condemning the Government of Iran for its continued persecution, imprisonment, and sentencing of Youcef Nadarkhani on the charge of apostasy, and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 402, condemning Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for committing crimes against humanity and mass atrocities, and supporting ongoing efforts by the United States Government and governments in central Africa to remove Joseph Kony and Lord's Resistance Army commanders from the battlefield, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 429, supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day.

S. Res. 473, commending Rotary International and others for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio. **Page S4366**

Measures Passed:

Celebrating the Accomplishments of Title IX: Senate agreed to S. Res. 500, celebrating the accomplishments of title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, also known as the Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, and recognizing the need to continue pursuing the goal of equal educational opportunities for all women and girls. **Pages S4375–76**

National Men's Health Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 501, supporting National Men's Health Week. **Page S4376**

150th Anniversary of the Signing of the First Morrill Act: Senate agreed to S. Res. 502, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the signing of the First Morrill Act. **Pages S4376–77**

Measures Considered:

Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the

motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1940, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund. **Page S4313**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, June 22, 2012. **Pages S4313–14**

Boiler MACT/EPA: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of the joint resolution pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802 (c) on June 19, 2012, and Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 37, to disapprove a rule promulgated by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency relating to emission standards for certain steam generating units. **Pages S4314–34**

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

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 139), Senate did not agree to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S4334**

Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 3240, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S4334**

Adopted:

Manchin/Ayotte Amendment No. 2345, to require national dietary guidelines for pregnant women and children from birth until the age of 2. **Page S4334**

By 63 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 140), Merkley Amendment No. 2382, to require the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to provide crop insurance for organic crops under similar terms and conditions to crop insurance provided for other crops. **pages S4334–35**

By 63 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 143), Coburn Amendment No. 2293, to limit subsidies for millionaires. **Pages S4336–38**

Stabenow/Snowe Amendment No. 2453, to provide assistance for certain losses. **Page S4338**

By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 144), Kerry/Lugar Amendment No. 2454, to prohibit assistance to North Korea under title II of the Food for Peace Act unless the President issues a national interest waiver. **Pages S4338–39**

By 77 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 146), Udall (CO) Amendment No. 2295, to increase the amounts authorized to be appropriated for the designation of treatment areas. **Pages S4339–40**

Warner Modified Amendment No. 2457, to improve access to broadband telecommunication services in rural areas. **Pages S4341–43**

Stabenow (for Schumer) Amendment No. 2427, to support State and tribal government efforts to promote research and education related to maple syrup production, natural resource sustainability in the maple syrup industry, market promotion of maple products, and greater access to lands containing maple trees for maple-sugaring activities. **Page S4344**

Wyden Amendment No. 2388, to modify a provision relating to purchases of locally produced foods. **Pages S4344–45**

Boozman Amendment No. 2355, to support the dissemination of objective and scholarly agricultural and food law research and information. **Page S4345**

Wyden Amendment No. 2442, to establish a pilot loan program to support healthy foods for the hungry. **Pages S4345–46**

Leahy Amendment No. 2204, to support the State Rural Development Partnership. **Pages S4346–48**

Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 2242, to amend section 520 of the Housing Act of 1949 to revise the census data and population requirements for areas to be considered as rural areas for purposes of such Act. **Page S4348**

Klobuchar Amendment No. 2299, to require the Secretary of Agriculture and Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study on rural transportation issues. **Page S4350**

Stabenow (for Ayotte) Amendment No. 2195, to require a GAO report on crop insurance fraud. **Page S4351**

Stabenow (for Blunt) Amendment No. 2246, to assist military veterans in agricultural occupations. **Page S4351**

Stabenow (for Moran) Amendment No. 2403, to increase the minimum level of nonemergency food assistance. **Page S4351**

Stabenow (for Moran) Amendment No. 2443, to improve farm safety at the local level. **Page S4351**

Carper/Boozman Amendment No. 2287, to modify a provision relating to high-priority research and extension initiatives. **Pages S4351–52**

Sanders Amendment No. 2254, to improve the community wood energy program. **Pages S4352–53**

By 88 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 154), Vitter/Blumenthal Modified Amendment No. 2363, to ensure that extras in films and television who bring personal, common domesticated household pets do not face unnecessary regulations and to prohibit attendance at an animal fighting venture. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be agreed to.) **Pages S4351, S4353**

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 155), Chambliss Amendment No. 2438, to establish highly erodible land and wetland conservation compliance requirements for the Federal crop insurance program. **Pages S4353–54**

By 66 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 157), Coburn/Durbin Amendment No. 2439, to limit the amount of premium subsidy provided by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation on behalf of any person or legal entity with an average adjusted gross income in excess of \$750,000, with a delayed application of the limitation until completion of a study on the effects of the limitation. **Pages S4355–56**

Chambliss/Isakson Amendment No. 2340, to move the sugar import quota adjustment date forward in the crop year. **Page S4356**

Stabenow (for Bennet/Crapo) Amendment No. 2202, to improve agricultural land easements. **Pages S4357–59**

Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 141), DeMint Amendment No. 2273, to eliminate the authority of the Secretary to increase the amount of grants provided to eligible entities relating to providing access to broadband telecommunications services in rural areas. **Pages S4335–36**

By 30 yeas to 69 nays (Vote No. 142), Coburn Amendment No. 2289, to reduce funding for the market access program and to prohibit the use of funds for reality television shows, wine tastings, animal spa products, and cat or dog food. **Page S4336**

By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 145), Kyl Amendment No. 2354, to prohibit assistance to North Korea under title II of the Food for Peace Act. **Page S4339**

By 21 yeas to 77 nays (Vote No. 147), Lee Amendment No. 2313, to repeal the forest legacy program. **Pages S4340–41**

By 15 yeas to 84 nays (Vote No. 148), Lee Amendment No. 2314, to repeal the conservation stewardship program and the conservation reserve program. **Pages S4343–44**

By 35 yeas to 63 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 149), Boozman Modified Amendment No. 2360, to provide for emergency food assistance. **Page S4346**

By 36 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 150), Toomey Amendment No. 2226, to eliminate biorefinery, renewable chemical, and biobased product manufacturing assistance. **Page S4348**

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 151), Toomey Amendment No. 2433, to reform the sugar program. **Pages S4348–50**

By 29 yeas to 70 nays (Vote No. 152), Lee Motion to Recommit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, with instructions to report the same back to the Senate with a reduction in spending to 2008 levels so that overall spending shall not exceed \$714,247,000,000. **Pages S4350–51**

By 40 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 153), Johnson (WI) Motion to Recommit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions to report the same back to the Senate after removing the title relating to nutrition and to report to the Senate as a separate bill the title related to nutrition. **Page S4352**

By 44 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 156), Thune Amendment No. 2437, to limit the amount of premium subsidy provided by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation on behalf of any person or legal entity with an average adjusted gross income in excess of \$750,000, with a delayed application of the limitation until completion of a study on the effects of the limitation. **Pages S4354–55**

Chambliss Amendment No. 2432, to repeal mandatory funding for the farmers market and local food promotion program. **Page S4357**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and the votes on the remaining amendments to the bill, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, June 21, 2012. **Page S4377**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Polly Ellen Trottenberg, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy.

David Masumoto, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2018.

A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Page S4377**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

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, which was sent to the Senate on April 16, 2012. **Page S4377**

Messages from the House: **Page S4363**

Measures Referred: **Page S4363**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S4363**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S4362–63**

Notices of Intent: **Page S4375**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S4375**

Record Votes: Nineteen record votes were taken today. (Total—157) **Pages S4334–36, S4338–40, S4344, S4346, S4348, S4350–56**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 21, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4377.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of William B. Pollard III, of New York, and Scott L. Silliman, of North Carolina, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Military Commission Review, both of the Department of Defense, and 2,595 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING PROCESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine the initial public offering process, focusing on ordinary investors, after receiving testimony from Ann E. Sherman, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois; Joel H. Trotter, Latham and Watkins LLP, Washington, D.C.; Lise Buyer, Class V Group, LLC, Portola Valley, California; and Ilan Moscovitz, The Motley Fool, Alexandria, Virginia.

COMMERCIAL SPACE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine risks, opportunities, and oversight of commercial space, focusing on industry trends, government challenges, and international competitiveness issues, after receiving testimony from William H. Gerstenmaier, Associate Administrator for Human Exploration and Operations, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Colonel Pamela Melroy, USAF (Ret.), Director, Field Operations, Federal Aviation Administration Commercial Space

Transportation, Department of Transportation; Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Mike N. Gold, Bigelow Aerospace, Chevy Chase, Maryland; and Captain Michael Lopez-Alegria, USN (Ret.), Commercial Spaceflight Federation, Washington, D.C.

PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the United States Patent and Trademark Office, focusing on implementation of the Leahy-Smith “America Invents Act” and international harmonizing efforts, after receiving testimony from David J. Kappos, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, and Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

HOLOCAUST-ERA CLAIMS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Holocaust-era claims in the 21st

century, including S. 634, to ensure that the courts of the United States may provide an impartial forum for claims brought by United States citizens and others against any railroad organized as a separate legal entity, arising from the deportation of United States citizens and others to Nazi concentration camps on trains owned or operated by such railroad, and by the heirs and survivors of such persons, and S. 466, to provide for the restoration of legal rights for claimants under holocaust-era insurance policies, after receiving testimony from Maryland Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg, and Leo Bretholz, Coalition for Holocaust Rail Justice, both of Baltimore, Maryland; Edward T. Swaine, George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.; J.D. Bindenagel, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois; and Renee Firestone, Los Angeles, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 5974–5985; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 694–696 were introduced. **Page H3914**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3915–16**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5972, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–541);

H.R. 5973, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–542);

Activities and Summary Report of the Committee on the Budget Third Quarter 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–543); and

H.R. 4264, to help ensure the fiscal solvency of the FHA mortgage insurance programs of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–544). **Page H3914**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative McClintock to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3809**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:12 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3810**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Richard Haynes, Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Lilburn, Georgia. **Page H3810**

Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House agreed to the Walz (MN) motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4348 by a yea-and-nay vote of 386 yeas to 34 nays with 1 answering “present,” Roll No. 391. The motion was debated yesterday, June 19th. **Page H3824**

Notice of Intent to Offer Motion: Representative Hoyer announced his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4348. **Page H3824**

Notice of Intent to Offer Motion: Representative Black announced her intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4348. **Page H3824**

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

Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act: S. 3187, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and medical devices and to establish user-fee programs for generic drugs and biosimilars.

Pages H3825–68

Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House debated the McKinley motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4348. Further proceedings were postponed.

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Strategic Energy Production Act of 2012: The House began consideration of H.R. 4480, to provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas exploration, development, and production under oil and gas leases of Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense in response to a drawdown of petroleum reserves from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Further proceedings were postponed.

Pages H3814–24, H3875–H3912

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–24 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 Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

McKinley amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that requires the consultation and input of the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) under the Transportation Fuels Regulatory Committee within Title II of the legislation. NETL will work with the Committee to analyze and report on the impacts of the rules and actions of the EPA on our nation's gasoline, diesel fuel, and natural gas prices;

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McKinley amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that requires under section 203 of the bill to conduct an analysis relating to any other matters that affect the growth, stability, and sustainability of the nation's oil and gas industries, particularly relating to that of other nations. Requires the Committee to look at the actions, or inactions, of other nations' regulations, enforcements, and matters relating to the oil and gas industry, and how they have either helped positively or negatively towards the oil and gas industries in those other nations; and

Pages H3898–99

Terry amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that gives the EPA the ability to waive certain fuel requirements in a geographic area, when there is a problem with distribution or delivery of fuel or fuel additives, for a period of 20 days, which could also be extended for another 20 days if the conditions exist. Directs the EPA and Department of Energy to conduct the Fuel Harmonization Study required by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 by June 2014.

Pages H3902–04

Rejected:

Polis amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that sought to exclude hydraulic fracturing activities within 1,000 feet of a primary or secondary school and

Pages H3896–97

Quigley amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that sought to ensure that protection of the marine and coastal environment is of primary importance in making areas of the outer Continental Shelf available for leasing, exploration, and development rather than expeditious development of oil and gas resources, to prohibit oil and gas leasing, exploration, and development in important ecological areas of the outer Continental Shelf, and for other purposes.

Pages H3897–98

Proceedings Postponed:

Hastings (WA) Manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that seeks to make technical corrections, eliminate the designation of the Colville River as an Aquatic Resource of National Importance, and require additional right of ways planned into and out of the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska;

Pages H3895–96

Waxman amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that seeks to provide that the rules described in section 205(a) shall not be delayed if the pollution that would be controlled by the rules contributes to asthma attacks, acute and chronic bronchitis, heart attacks, cancer, birth defects, neurological damage, premature death, or other serious harms to human health;

Pages H3899–H3900

Connolly amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that seeks to define the term "public health" in the Clean Air Act;

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Gene Green (TX) amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that seeks to strike section 206 of the bill, which would require the consideration of feasibility and costs in revising or supplementing national ambient air quality standards for ozone;

Pages H3901–02

Rush amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that seeks to provide that Sections 205 and 206 shall cease to be effective if the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration determines that implementation of this title is not projected to lower gasoline prices and create jobs in the United States within 10 years;

Pages H3904–05

Holt amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that seeks to reduce the number of on-shore leases on which oil and gas production is not occurring as an incentive for oil and gas companies to begin producing on the leases that they already hold;

Pages H3905–06

Connolly amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that seeks to clarify that the section requiring a \$5,000 protest fee shall not infringe upon

the protections afforded by the First Amendment to the Constitution to petition for the redress of grievances;

Pages H3906–07

Amodei amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that seeks to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from moving any aspect of the Solid Minerals program administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM);

Pages H3907–09

Markey amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that seeks to prohibit oil and gas produced under new leases authorized by this legislation from being exported to foreign countries;

Pages H3909–10

Landry amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that seeks to raise the cap of revenue shared among the Gulf States who produce energy on the Outer Continental Shelf starting in FY2023 from \$500 million to \$750 million; and

Pages H3910–11

Rigell amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that seeks to require the Secretary of the Interior to include Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lease Sale 220 off the coast of Virginia in the 5 Year Plan for OCS oil and gas drilling and to conduct Lease Sale 220 within one year of enactment. In addition, the amendment would also ensure that no oil and gas drilling may be conducted off the coast of Virginia which would conflict with military operations.

Pages H3911–12

H. Res. 691, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 390, after the previous question was ordered by a recorded vote of 242 yeas to 183 noes, Roll No. 389.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3810.

Senate Referral: S. 3314 is held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3822–23, H3823–24, H3824. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup of Financial Services Appropriations Bill, FY 2013. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, markup of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2013. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

ADDRESSING THE IRANIAN NUCLEAR CHALLENGE: UNDERSTANDING THE MILITARY OPTIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on Addressing the Iranian Nuclear Challenge: Understanding the Military Options. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AFGHAN NATIONAL SECURITY FORCES: RESOURCES, STRATEGY, AND TIMETABLE FOR SECURITY LEAD TRANSITIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Afghan National Security Forces: Resources, Strategy, and Timetable for Security Lead Transitions. Testimony was heard from David S. Sedney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia; and Major General Stephen Townsend, USA, Director, Pakistan/Afghanistan Coordination Cell, The Joint Staff.

ASSESSING THE CHALLENGES FACING MULTIEMPLOYER PENSION PLANS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Assessing the Challenges Facing Multiemployer Pension Plans”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee completed markup of H.R. 5859, to repeal an obsolete provision in title 49, United States Code, requiring motor vehicle insurance cost reporting; H.R. 5865, the “American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2012”; H.R. 4273, the “Resolving Environmental and Grid Reliability Conflicts Act of 2012”; H.R. 5892, the “Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2012”; H. Con. Res. 127, providing for the acceptance of a statue of Gerald R. Ford from the people of Michigan for placement in the United States Capitol; and Semi-Annual Committee Activity Report. The following measures and report were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 5865;

H.R. 5892; H. Con. 127; and the Semi-Annual Committee Activity Report. The following measures were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 5859 and H.R. 4273.

MARKET STRUCTURE: ENSURING ORDERLY, EFFICIENT, INNOVATIVE AND COMPETITIVE MARKETS FOR ISSUERS AND INVESTORS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Market Structure: Ensuring Orderly, Efficient, Innovative and Competitive Markets for Issuers and Investors”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MORTGAGE DISCLOSURES: HOW DO WE CUT RED TAPE FOR CONSUMERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES

Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing, “Mortgage Disclosures: How Do We Cut Red Tape for Consumers and Small Businesses?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REFLECTIONS ON THE REVOLUTION IN EGYPT, PART II

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing entitled “Reflections on the Revolution in Egypt, Part II”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT: ENSURING SUCCESS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, and Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, joint subcommittee hearing entitled “The African Growth and Opportunity Act: Ensuring Success”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICAN MUSLIM RESPONSE TO HEARINGS ON RADICALIZATION WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The American Muslim Response to Hearings on Radicalization within their Community”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “The Drug Enforcement Administration”. Testimony was heard from Michele M. Leonhart, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement held a hearing on H.R. 2899, the “Chinese Media Reciprocity Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from Representative Rohrabacher; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup to consider a report holding Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt of Congress for his failure to produce documents specified in the Committee’s October 12, 2011 subpoena. The report of contempt was ordered reported, as amended.

EXAMINING PRIORITIES AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NATION’S SCIENCE POLICIES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining Priorities and Effectiveness of the Nation’s Science Policies”. Testimony was heard from John P. Holdren, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology and Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 2985, the “Veteran’s I.D. Card Act”; H.R. 3730, the “Veterans Data Breach Timely Notification Act”; H.R. 4481, the “Veterans Affairs Employee Accountability Act”; and H.R. 5948 the, “Veterans Fiduciary Reform Act of 2012”. Testimony was heard from Representative Akin; Dave McLenachen, Director of Pension and Fiduciary Service, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

RUSSIA’S ACCESSION TO THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AND GRANTING RUSSIA PERMANENT NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Russia’s Accession to the World Trade Organization and Granting Russia Permanent Normal Trade Relations”. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Ron Kirk, United States Trade Representative; Ambassador William Burns, Deputy Secretary, United States Department of State; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
JUNE 21, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense programs and policies to support military families with special needs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine perspectives on money market mutual fund reforms, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael Peter Huerta, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider H.R. 1160, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey the McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery to the State of North Carolina, S. 1324, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the importation, exportation, transportation, and sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, S. 1201, to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, to improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, S. 2018, to amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship, S. 3264, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program, S. 2104, to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under that Act, S. 3304, to redesignate the Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters located at 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. in Washington, D.C., as the "William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building", to redesignate the Federal building and United States Courthouse located at 200 East Wall Street in Midland, Texas, as the "George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush United States Courthouse and George Mahon Federal Building", and to designate the Federal building housing the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Headquarters located at 99 New York Avenue N.E., Washington D.C., as the "Eliot Ness ATF Building", H.R. 1791, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the "Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse", S. 3311, to designate the United States courthouse located at 2601 2nd Avenue North, Billings, Montana, as the "James F. Battin United States Courthouse", the nominations of Allison M. Macfarlane, of Maryland, and Kristine L. Svinicki, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and a proposed

resolution relating to the General Services Administration, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine Russia's World Trade Organization (WTO) accession, focusing on the Administration's views on the implications for the United States, 9:45 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine implementation of the New Start Treaty, and related matters, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine an update on Olmstead enforcement, focusing on using the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to promote community integration, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Katherine C. Tobin, of New York, and James C. Miller III, of Virginia, both to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine security clearance reform, focusing on sustaining progress for the future, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 250, to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, S. 285, for the relief of Sopuruchi Chukwueke, S. 1744, to provide funding for State courts to assess and improve the handling of proceedings relating to adult guardianship and conservatorship, to authorize the Attorney General to carry out a pilot program for the conduct of background checks on individuals to be appointed as guardians or conservators, and to promote the widespread adoption of information technology to better monitor, report, and audit conservatorships of protected persons, and the nominations of Brian J. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Terrence G. Berg, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Jesus G. Bernal, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Lorna G. Schofield, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Grande Lum, of California, to be Director, Community Relations Service, and Jamie A. Hainsworth, to be United States Marshal for the District of Rhode Island, John S. Leonardo, to be United States Attorney for the District of Arizona, Patrick A. Miles, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan, and Danny Chappelle Williams, Sr., to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the Universal Music Group/EMI merger and the future of online music, 1:30 p.m., SD-226.

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

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Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “The National Institutes of Health—A Review of Its Reforms, Priorities, and Progress”, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled “Electronic Submission of Hazardous Waste Manifests—Modernizing for the 21st Century”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Safe and Fair Supervision of Money Services Businesses”, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Oversight Investigations and Management, hearing entitled “U.S.-Caribbean Border: Open Road for Drug Traffickers and Terrorists”, 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 5972, the “Departments of Transportation, and Housing

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Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing entitled “Department of Energy User Facilities: Utilizing the Tools of Science to Drive Innovation through Fundamental Research”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations, hearing entitled “Small Business Lending: Perspectives from the Private Sector”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 4115, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2012”; H.R. 4740, the “Fairness for Military Homeowners Act of 2012”; H.R. 3860, the “Help Veterans Return to Work Act”; and H.R. 5747, the “Military Family Home Protection Act”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled “The 2012 Annual Report of the Social Security Board of Trustees”, 9 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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