

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Ten bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3352–3361, S.J. Res. 46, and S. Res. 513–515. **Pages S4724–25**

Measures Passed:

Loyola University Maryland Men's Lacrosse National Championship: Senate agreed to S. Res. 514, commemorating the victory of Loyola University Maryland in the 2012 NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse National Championship. **Pages S4729–30**

Measures Considered:

Small Business Jobs and Tax Relief Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2237, to provide a temporary income tax credit for increased payroll and extend bonus depreciation for an additional year. **Page S4689**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Camila Ann Alire, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2018.

Ramon Saldivar, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2018.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Timothy M. Broas, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, which was sent to the Senate on April 26, 2012. **Page S4730**

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:33 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, June 29, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4730.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PRIVACY PROTECTIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the need for privacy protections, focusing on industry self-regulation, after receiving testimony from Alex Fowler, Mozilla, San Francisco, California; Bob Liodice, Association of National Advertisers, Inc., New York, New York, on behalf of the Digital Advertising Alliance; Peter Swire, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Bethesda, Maryland; and Berin Szoka, TechFreedom, Washington, D.C.

ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING RETROFITS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine innovative non-federal programs for financing energy efficient building retrofits, after receiving testimony from David E. Sundstrom, Sonoma County Energy Independence Program Administrator, Santa Rosa, California; Derek Smith, Clean Energy Works Oregon, Portland; William A. Rodgers, Jr., GoodCents Holdings, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia; Sheri Borrelli, The United Illuminating Company, Orange, Connecticut; Susan Leeds, New York City Efficiency Corporation, New York, New York; and Jeffrey D. DeBoer, The Real Estate Roundtable, Washington, D.C.

LAW OF THE SEA CONVENTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine The Law of the Sea Convention

(Treaty Doc. 103–39), focusing on perspectives from business and industry, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Donohue, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Jack N. Gerard, American Petroleum Institute, and Jay Timmons, National Association of Manufacturers, all of Washington, D.C.; and Lowell C. McAdam, Verizon Communications Inc., New York, New York.

AFRICA'S MARKET POTENTIAL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine economic statecraft, focusing on embracing Africa's market potential, after receiving testimony from Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Earl W. Gast, Assistant Administrator for Africa, United States Agency for International Development; and Florizelle Liser, Assistant United States Trade Representative for Africa, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R.443, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska;

H.R.1560, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe;

H.R.1272, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al, by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Numbers 19 and 188;

S.134, to authorize the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease adjudicated water rights;

S.1065, to settle land claims within the Fort Hall Reservation, with an amendment;

S.2389, to deem the submission of certain claims to an Indian Health Service contracting officer as timely; and

S.3193, to make technical corrections to the legal description of certain land to be held in trust for the Barona Band of Mission Indians.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 6047–6058; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 113 and H.Res. 711–716 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as followed:

Semiannual Report on the Activity of the Committee on Small Business During the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–554);

Third Semiannual Report of Activities of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology for the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–555);

Report on the Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Ways and Means during the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–556).

Conference report on 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. 112–557); and

H. Res. 717, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5856) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6020) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany 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. 112–558).

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

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

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Greg Lafferty, Willowdale Chapel, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on June 26th:

Securing Maritime Activities through Risk-based Targeting for Port Security Act: H.R. 4251, amended, to authorize, enhance, and reform certain port security programs through increased efficiency and risk-based coordination within the Department of Homeland Security, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 438; **Pages H4175–76**

Gauging American Port Security Act: H.R. 4005, amended, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a study and report to Congress on gaps in port security in the United States and a plan to address them, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 439; **Pages H4176–77**

Nuclear Terrorism Conventions Implementation and Safety of Maritime Navigation Act of 2012: H.R. 5889, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism; **Page H4421**

Sergeant Richard Franklin Abshire Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3412, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1421 Veterans Memorial Drive in Abbeville, Louisiana, as the “Sergeant Richard Franklin Abshire Post Office Building”; **Page H4421**

SPC Nicholas Scott Hartge Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 3501, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 Kerr Avenue in Rome City, Indiana, as the “SPC Nicholas Scott Hartge Post Office”; **Page H4421**

First Sergeant Landres Cheeks Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3772, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 150 South Union Street in Canton, Mississippi, as the “First Sergeant Landres Cheeks Post Office Building”; **Page H4421**

Reverend Abe Brown Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3276, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2810 East Hillsborough Avenue in Tampa, Florida, as the “Reverend Abe Brown Post Office Building”; **Page H4421**

Aviation Security Stakeholder Participation Act: H.R. 1447, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee; **Page H4421**

Amending the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to permit use of certain grant funds for training con-

ducted in conjunction with a national laboratory or research facility: H.R. 5843, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to permit use of certain grant funds for training conducted in conjunction with a national laboratory or research facility; and **Pages H4421–22**

Directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to reform the process for the enrollment, activation, issuance, and renewal of a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC): H.R. 3173, amended, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to reform the process for the enrollment, activation, issuance, and renewal of a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) to require, in total, not more than one in-person visit to a designated enrollment center. **Page H4422**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Jackson Lee (TX) announced her intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Page H4177**

Recommending that the House of Representatives find Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, in Contempt of Congress: The House agreed to H. Res. 711, recommending that the House of Representatives find Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with a subpoena duly issued by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, by a recorded vote of 255 yeas to 67 noes with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 441. **Pages H4177–H4417**

Rejected the Dingell motion to refer the resolution to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with instructions by a ye-and-nay vote of 172 yeas to 251 nays, Roll No. 440. **Pages H4412–17**

H. Res. 708, the rule providing for consideration of the resolutions (H. Res. 711) and (H. Res. 706) was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 254 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 437, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H4164–75**

Authorizing the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to initiate or intervene in judicial proceedings to enforce certain subpoenas: The House agreed to H. Res. 706, to authorize the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to initiate or intervene in judicial proceedings to enforce certain subpoenas, by a ye-and-nay vote of 258 yeas to 95 nays with 5 answering “present”, Roll No. 442. **Pages H4418–21**

H. Res. 708, the rule providing for consideration of the resolutions (H. Res. 711) and (H. Res. 706) was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 254 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 437, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H4164–75**

United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following member on the part of the House to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2014: Mr. Peter Brookes of Springfield, Virginia.

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Motion to Instruct Conferees—Vitiation of Proceedings: Under clause 8 of rule 20, the Chair announced that the filing of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4348 has vitiated the Hahn motion to instruct conferees.

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Recess: The House recessed at 7:24 p.m. and reconvened at 11:04 p.m.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4159.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4175, H4175–76, H4176, H4416–17, H4417, H4420–21. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2013. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

PROMOTING SAFE WORKPLACES THROUGH VOLUNTARY PROTECTION PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled "Promoting Safe Workplaces Through Voluntary Protection Programs". Testimony was heard from Jordan Barab, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

THE AMERICAN ENERGY INITIATIVE: A FOCUS ON THE NEW PROPOSAL TO TIGHTEN NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR FINE PARTICULATE MATTER

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled "The American Energy Initiative: A Focus on the New Proposal to Tighten National Standards for Fine Particulate Matter". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FRACTIONAL RESERVE BANKING AND THE FEDERAL RESERVE: THE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF HIGH-POWERED MONEY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy held a hearing entitled "Fractional Reserve Banking and the Federal Reserve: The Economic Consequences of High-Powered Money". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPRAISAL OVERSIGHT: THE REGULATORY IMPACT ON CONSUMERS AND BUSINESSES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Appraisal Oversight: The Regulatory Impact on Consumers and Businesses". Testimony was heard from William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; James R. Park, Executive Subcommittee, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE: A FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE THREAT TO AMERICAN JOBS AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled "Economic Espionage: A Foreign Intelligence Threat to American Jobs and Homeland Security". Testimony was heard from Stuart Graham, Chief Economist, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; John P. Woods, Assistant Director, Homeland Security Investigations Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Frank Figliuzzi, Assistant Director, Counterintelligence Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Gregory C. Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office.

IDENTITY THEFT AND INCOME TAX PREPARATION FRAUD

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled "Identity Theft and Income Tax Preparation Fraud". Testimony was heard from Rebecca Sparkman, Director, Operations, Policy and Support, Criminal Investigation Division, Internal Revenue Service; Nina E. Olson, United States Tax Payer Advocate, Office of the Taxpayer Advocate, Internal Revenue Service; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 1860, the "Digital Goods and Services Tax Fairness Act of 2011"; H.R. 823, for the

relief of Maria Carmen; H.R. 316, for the relief of Esther Karinge; H.R. 794, for the relief of Allan Bolor Kelley; H.R. 357, for the relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic; H.R. 824, for the relief of Daniel Wachira; H.R. 1857, for the relief of Bartosz Kumor; H.R. 3120, the “Student Visa Reform Act”; and H.R. 6019 the “Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization and the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act”; and the Third Semiannual Activity Report of the Committee on the Judiciary for the 112th Congress. The following measures were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1860; H.R. 3120; and H.R. 6019. The following measures were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 823; H.R. 316; H.R. 794; H.R. 357; H.R. 824; and H.R. 1857. The Semiannual Activity Report was adopted without amendment.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 5987, the “Manhattan Project National Historical Park Act”; H.R. 624, the “First State National Historic Park Act”; H.R. 3640, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire not more than 18 acres of land and interests in land in Mariposa, California, and for other purposes; H.R. 4109, the “Los Padres Conservation and Recreation Act of 2012”; H.R. 4334, the “Organ Mountains National Monument Establishment Act”; H.R. 4484, the “Y Mountain Access Enhancement Act”; H.R. 5319, the “Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Study Act”; H.R. 5958, to name the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Contact Station of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge unit of Gateway National Recreation Area in honor of James L. Buckley; 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth. Testimony was heard from Senator Carper and Representatives Carney, Chaffetz, Denham, Gallegly, Hastings (WA), Pearce, Tsongas, and Turner (NY); Carl Rountree, Director, National Landscape Conservation System, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Billy Garrett, Commissioner, Dona Ana County; Jim Pena, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest Service; United States Forest Service; Department of Agriculture; John Curtis, Mayor, City of Provo; Victor Knox, Associate Director for Park Planning, Facilities and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Ingrid Kolb, Director, Office of Management, Department of Energy; Kevin Cann, Supervisor, Mariposa County; and public witnesses.

ASSESSMENT OF THE TRANSITION FROM A MILITARY TO A CIVILIAN-LED MISSION IN IRAQ

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations held a hearing entitled “Assessment of the Transition from a Military to a Civilian-Led Mission in Iraq.” Testimony was heard from Patrick Kennedy, Under Secretary for Management, Department of State, Peter Verga, Chief of Staff for the Under Secretary for Policy, Department of Defense; Mara Rudman, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for the Middle East, Agency for International Development; Michael Courts, Acting Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Harold Geisel, Acting Inspector General, Department of State; Mickey McDermott, Special Deputy Inspector General for Southwest Asia, Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General; Michael Carroll, Deputy Inspector General, Agency for International Development; and Stuart Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction.

JOBS ACT IN ACTION PART II: OVERSEEING EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOBS ACT AT THE SEC

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailout of Public and Private Programs held a hearing entitled “The JOBS Act in Action Part II: Overseeing Effective Implementation of the JOBS Act at the SEC.” Testimony was heard from Mary Schapiro, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

MANDATE MADNESS: WHEN SUE AND SETTLE JUST ISN'T ENOUGH

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform held a hearing entitled, “Mandate Madness: When Sue and Settle Just Isn't Enough.” Testimony was heard from E. Scott Pruitt, Attorney General for the State of Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—H.R. 4348, SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2012; H.R. 5856, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013; H.R. 6020, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013; AND MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a record vote, a resolution providing for an open rule

for H.R. 5856. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI except for section 8121 (regarding funds being used to sponsor any professional or semi-professional sporting event or competitor). The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The resolution further provides for H.R. 6020 under an open rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI except beginning with ‘: Provided’ on page 95, line 9, through “level” on page 95, line 11 (regarding six-day delivery by the United States Postal Service). The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule waives all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4348 and its consideration, and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the conference report without intervening motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. Debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII.

The rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of June 29, 2012, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to measures addressing expiring provisions of law and a concurrent resolution correcting the enrollment of H.R. 4348.

The rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII, requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is reported to the House, against any resolution reported on the legislative day of June 29, 2012, providing for consideration or disposition of measures addressing expiring provisions of law and a concurrent resolution correcting the enrollment of H.R. 4348. Finally, the Committee adopted, by voice vote, the Rules Com-

mittee Activity Report for the 3rd Quarter of the 112th Congress.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing on adoption of the 3rd Semi-annual Report of the Activities of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee. The Report of the Activities of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee was adopted, without amendment.

UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES: RECIDIVISM VERSUS FAIR COMPETITION IN FEDERAL CONTRACTING

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled “Unlocking Opportunities: Recidivism versus Fair Competition in Federal Contracting”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

A REVIEW OF THE DELAYS AND PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH TSA’S TRANSPORTATION WORKER IDENTIFICATION CREDENTIAL

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Review of the Delays and Problems Associated with TSA’s Transportation Worker Identification Credential”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Joseph Servidio, Assistant Commandant for Preparedness, United States Coast Guard; Kelli Ann Walther, Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy, Department of Homeland Security; Stephen Sadler, Assistant Administrator, Transportation Security Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a markup of H.R. 4115, the “Helping Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Return to Employment at Home Act”; H.R. 3524, the “Disabled Veterans Employment Protection Act”; H.R. 4057, the “Improving Transparency of Education Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2012”; H.R. 4740, the “Fairness for Military Homeowners Act of 2012”; and H.R. 5747, the “Military Family Home Protection Act”. The following measure was forwarded without amendment H.R. 4115; and the following measures were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 3524; H.R. 4057; H.R. 4740; and H.R. 5747.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE AND MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5949, the “FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization Act of 2012”; and adoption of the Semiannual Committee Activity Report.

A portion of this hearing was closed. H.R. 5949 was ordered reported, as amended. The Semiannual Committee Activity Report was adopted, without amendment.,

Joint Meetings

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of 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 multi-year law reauthorizing such programs.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D650)

S. 404, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior. Signed on June 27, 2012. (Public Law 112–37)

S. 684, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah. Signed on June 27, 2012. (Public Law 112–38)

S. 997, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend a water contract between the United States and the East Bench Irrigation District. Signed on June 27, 2012. (Public Law 112–39)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nominations of Mark J. Mazur, of New Jersey, and Matthew S. Rutherford, of Illinois, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Meredith M. Broadbent, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing on National Security Forces: Resources, Strategy, and Timetable for Security Lead Transition Expert Assessments, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “The American Energy Initiative: A Focus on EPA’s Greenhouse Gas Regulations”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “The Future of Money: Where Do Mobile Payments Fit in the Current Regulatory Structure?”, 9:30 a.m., Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled “The Tuareg Revolt and the Mali Coup,” 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, markup of H.R. 3337, the “Open Burn Pit Registry Act of 2011”; and H.R. 4079, the “Safe Housing for Homeless Veterans Act,” 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, June 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: The Majority Leader will be recognized. Senate hopes to consider the transportation conference report.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, June 29

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of H.R. 5972—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013. Consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4348—Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012, Part II (Subject to a Rule).

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