

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 3412, Middle Class Tax Cut Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5321–S5418

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3430–3443 and S. Con. Res. 54. **Page S5381**

Measures Passed:

Middle Class Tax Cut Act: By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 184), Senate passed S. 3412, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief to middle-class families, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5321–57**

Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 183), Hatch/McConnell Amendment No. 2573, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5352–53**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, be withdrawn. **Page S5352**

Sopuruchi Chukwueke: Senate passed S. 285, for the relief of Sopuruchi Chukwueke, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S5412–13**

Sequestration Transparency Act: Senate passed H.R. 5872, to require the President to provide a report detailing the sequester required by the Budget Control Act of 2011 on January 2, 2013. **Page S5413**

Measures Considered:

Cybersecurity Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3414, to enhance the security and resiliency of the cyber and communications infrastructure of the United States. **Pages S5357–67**

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, July 27, 2012.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ranee Ramaswamy, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2018.

A routine list in the Public Health Service.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—184) **Pages S5353, S5355**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5413.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NUCLEAR WEAPON DETERRENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine the proper size of the nuclear weapons stockpile to maintain a credible U.S. deterrent, after receiving testimony from General James E. Cartwright, USMC, (Ret.), former Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense, and Thomas R. Pickering, former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, both of Global Zero United States Nuclear Policy Commission, and Keith B. Payne, Missouri State University Graduate Department of Defense and Strategic Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

IMPACT OF SEQUESTRATION ON EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the impact of sequestration on education, after receiving testimony from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education; June Atkinson, North Carolina State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Raleigh; Billy Walker, Randolph Field Independent School District, Universal City, Texas; Neal McCluskey, Cato Institute Center for Educational Freedom, Washington, D.C.; and Tammy L. Mann, The Campagna Center, Alexandria, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Sean Sullivan, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and 878 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the International Space Station, focusing on research, collaboration, and discovery, after receiving testimony from William H. Gerstenmaier, Associate Administrator for Human Exploration and Operations, and Donald R. Pettit, Astronaut, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Thomas Reiter, European Space Agency, Paris, France; and James D. Royston, Center for the Advancement of Science and Space, Kennedy Space Center, Florida.

SHORT-SUPPLY PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine short-

supply prescription drugs, after receiving testimony from Representative Cummings; Virginia Herold, California State Board of Pharmacy Executive Officer, Sacramento; David Mayhaus, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio; John M. Gray, Healthcare Distribution Management Association, Arlington, Virginia; John Coster, National Community Pharmacists Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Patricia Earl, National Coalition of Pharmaceutical Distributors, Bowling Green, Ohio.

WATER USE EFFICIENCY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded an oversight hearing to examine the role of water use efficiency and its impact on energy use, after receiving testimony from Henry L. Green, National Institute of Building Sciences, Washington, D.C.; Daniel W. Bena, PepsiCo, Inc., Purchase, New York; Russ Chaney, International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, Ontario, California; and Mary Ann Dickinson, Alliance for Water Efficiency, Chicago, Illinois.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 847, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 357, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to identify and declare wildlife disease emergencies and to coordinate rapid response to those emergencies, with an amendment;

S. 810, to prohibit the conducting of invasive research on great apes, with an amendment;

S. 1494, to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, with an amendment;

S. 2071, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps;

S. 2156, to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, to set prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users, with an amendment;

S. 2282, to extend the authorization of appropriations to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2017;

S. 3370, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation;

S. 2251, to designate the United States courthouse located at 709 West 9th Street, Juneau, Alaska, as the Robert Boochever United States Courthouse;

S. 2326, to designate the new United States courthouse in Buffalo, New York, as the “Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse”;

S. 1735, to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi;

Proposed resolutions relating to the General Services Administration;

Proposed resolutions relating to the Corps Study, City of Norfolk, Virginia and Port Fourchon, Louisiana; and

The nomination of Major General John Peabody, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission.

EDUCATION TAX INCENTIVES AND TAX REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine education tax incentives and tax reform, focusing on how tax information could help families pay for college, after receiving testimony from James R. White, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Waded Cruzado, Montana State University, Bozeman; Lynne Munson, Common Core, and Scott A. Hodge, Tax Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Susan Dynarski, University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, Ann Arbor.

IRAN'S SUPPORT FOR TERRORISM IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a hearing to examine Iran's support for terrorism in the Middle East, after receiving testimony from James F. Jeffrey, former U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, Department of State, Alexandria, Virginia; and Daniel Byman, Georgetown University Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Danielle Pletka, American Enterprise Institute, and Matthew Levitt, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, all of Washington, D.C.

ECONOMIC STATECRAFT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2215, to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, focusing on economic statecraft, and S. 3326, to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to extend the third-country fabric pro-

gram and to add South Sudan to the list of countries eligible for designation under that Act, to make technical corrections to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States relating to the textile and apparel rules of origin for the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, to approve the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, after receiving testimony from Francisco J. Sanchez, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; and Elizabeth L. Littlefield, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Fred Hochberg, Export-Import Bank, Stephen Hayes, Corporate Council on Africa, Mwangi S. Kimenyi, The Brookings Institution, and Scott Eisner, U.S. Chamber of Commerce African Affairs and International Operations, all of Washington, D.C.

ASSESSING GRANTS MANAGEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine assessing grants management practices at Federal agencies, focusing on the amount of undisbursed funding remaining in expired grant accounts, and recent and historical funding levels for federal grants, after receiving testimony from Danny I. Werfel, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget; Elizabeth M. Harman, Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Nancy Gunderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Grants and Acquisition Policy and Accountability; and Stanley J. Czerwinski, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office.

JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE THROUGH CIVICS EDUCATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ensuring judicial independence through civics education, after receiving testimony from former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Washington, D.C.

ENHANCING WOMEN'S RETIREMENT SECURITY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine enhancing women's retirement security, focusing on how women's access to and participation in employer-sponsored retirement plans and retirement incomes compare to men's, and how later-in-life events affect women's retirement income security, after receiving testimony from Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Managing Director, Education, Workforce,

and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; LaTina Burse Greene, Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Retirement and Disability Policy, Social Security Administration; Kelly O'Donnell, Fi-

ancial Engines, Boston, Massachusetts; and Sabrina L. Schaeffer, Independent Women's Forum, and Joan Entmacher, National Women's Law Center, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 6182–6204; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 116; and H. Res. 740 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 741, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4078) to provide that no agency may take any significant regulatory action until the unemployment rate is equal to or less than 6.0 percent (H. Rept. 112–623).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

President Obama's Proposed 2012–2017 Offshore Drilling Lease Sale Plan Act: H.R. 6168, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to implement the Proposed Final Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing Program (2012–2017) in accordance with the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act and other applicable law, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 164 yeas to 261 nays, Roll No. 512.

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Congressional Replacement of President Obama's Energy-Restricting and Job-Limiting Offshore Drilling Plan: The House passed H.R. 6082, to officially replace, within the 60-day Congressional review period under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, President Obama's Proposed Final Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing Program (2012–2017) with a congressional plan that will conduct additional oil and natural gas lease sales to promote offshore energy development, job creation, and increased domestic energy production to ensure a more secure energy future in the United States, by a recorded vote of 253 yeas to 170 noes, Roll No. 511. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, July 24th.

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Rejected the Slaughter motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 179 yeas to 240 nays, Roll No. 510.

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Rejected:

Holt amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 24th that sought to strike the provision that requires the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a single multi-sale environmental impact statement for all of the new areas opened for drilling by the underlying bill (by a recorded vote of 163 yeas to 253 noes, Roll No. 504);

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Markey amendment (No. 4 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 24th that sought to prohibit gas produced under new leases authorized by this legislation from being exported to foreign countries (by a recorded vote of 158 yeas to 262 noes, Roll No. 505);

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Markey amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 24th that sought to create a statutory requirement that new leases offered pursuant to this act include drilling safety improvements in response to the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster (by a recorded vote of 189 yeas to 232 noes, Roll No. 506);

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Holt amendment (No. 6 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 24th that sought to end free drilling in the Gulf of Mexico by requiring oil companies to pay in order to receive new leases on public lands (by a recorded vote of 177 yeas to 247 noes, Roll No. 507);

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Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 7 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 24th that sought to require each drilling permit application to include an estimate of how much the price of gasoline will decrease as a result of any oil or gas found under the permit (by a recorded vote of 158 yeas to 266 noes, Roll No. 508); and

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Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 8 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July

24th that sought to require each drilling permit application to include an estimate of the impact on global change of the consumption of any oil or gas found under the permit (by a recorded vote of 150 ayes to 275 noes, Roll No. 509). **Page H5221**

H. Res. 738, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4078) and (H.R. 6082) was agreed to yesterday, July 24th.

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, July 24th:

Federal Reserve Transparency Act: H.R. 459, amended, to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States before the end of 2012, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 327 yeas to 98 nays, Roll No. 513. **Pages H5224–25**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.”. **Page H5225**

Regulatory Freeze for Jobs Act of 2012: The House began consideration of H.R. 4078, to provide that no agency may take any significant regulatory action until the unemployment rate is equal to or less than 6.0 percent. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H5225–89**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–28, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–616, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendments in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committees on the Judiciary and Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule. **Pages H5243–44**

Agreed to:

Schweikert amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that defines “annual cost to the economy” as being inclusive of business revenue, so that determination of the bill’s application shall be accurately applied; **Page H5274**

Manzullo amendment (No. 22 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that requires each Federal agency to submit and obtain approval from the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) guidelines for ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of scientific information relied upon by the agency; and

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Lummis amendment (No. 23 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that adds a new title to the bill requiring the tracking and reporting of all payments issued pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA). Would establish a publicly available, online searchable database to access information regarding EAJA payments and the parties involved in the adjudicatory action leading to an EAJA payment. **Pages H5284–86**

Rejected:

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that sought to provide an exception to the underlying legislation, permitting agencies to make regulatory actions intended to ensure safe drinking water (by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 514); **Pages H5251–52, H5261–62**

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that sought to exempt regulatory actions pertaining to privacy from Title I of the bill and exempt midnight rules pertaining to privacy from Title II of the bill. The amendment would also have exempted consent decrees and settlement agreements in an action to compel agency action pertaining to privacy from Title III of the bill (by a recorded vote of 159 ayes to 259 noes, Roll No. 515); **Pages H5252–53, H5262**

Kucinich amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that sought to exempt from the provisions of the bill any significant regulatory action specifically aimed at limiting oil speculation (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 516); **Pages H5253–59, H5262–63**

Welch amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that sought to provide an exception for regulations which are intended to promote energy efficiency (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 517); and **Pages H5259–60, H5263**

Markey amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that sought to allow regulations protecting the public from extreme weather, including drought, flooding and catastrophic wildfire, to go forward despite the prohibitions in the underlying bill (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 518). **Pages H5260–61, H5263–64**

Proceedings Postponed:

Watt amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to exempt regulatory actions that are regulatory actions by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office that streamline the application process for patents and trademarks, including rules implementing the micro entity provision of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act, from Title I of the bill and exempts midnight rules implementing

such provisions from Title II of the bill. The amendment also would exempt consent decrees and settlement agreements in an action to compel agency action by the PTO to help streamline the application process for patents and trademarks from Title III of the bill;
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Loebsack amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to allow actions that would lower prices for gasoline, diesel, oil, or other motor fuels;
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Richardson amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to ensure that the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the health provisions of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 can be carried out;
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Richardson amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to allow regulations that protect consumers under the Fair Credit Reporting Act;
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Connolly amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to clarify the procedure for considering a request for a congressional waiver by the President;
Pages H5269–70

Posey amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to require that awarded attorney's fees and costs for small businesses in Title I would be paid out of the administrative budget of the office in the agency that proposed the regulation;
Pages H5270–71

Nadler amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to exempt issues relating to nuclear power plants from the obstacles to establishing safety protections in the following titles of H.R. 4078: Title I (Regulatory Freeze for Jobs Act); Title III (Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act); Title V (Responsibly and Professionally Invigorating Development (RAPID) Act);
Pages H5271–73

McKinley amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to reduce the term "significant regulatory action" from \$100,000,000 or more to \$50,000,000 or more in annual cost to the economy. This amendment would allow for more oversight on Federal Agency Regulations by lowering the dollar amount threshold;
Pages H5273–74

George Miller (CA) amendment (No. 15 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to exempt from the definition of significant regulatory action a rule that would prevent or reduce deaths or injuries caused by explosions and fires related to the ignition of combustible dusts in the workplace;
Pages H5275–76

Woolsey amendment (No. 16 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to exempt from the definition of significant regulatory action a rule that

would prevent or reduce the number of workers suffering electrocutions or other fatalities associated with working on high voltage transmission and distribution lines;
Pages H5276–77

Waters amendment (No. 18 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to authorize appropriations (1) to enable the SEC and CFTC to carry out the additional cost/benefit analysis requirements under the bill; (2) for costs of litigation incurred by the Commissions related to the requirements under the bill;
Pages H5277–78

Fitzpatrick amendment (No. 19 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to take into account the large burden of section 404b of Sarbanes-Oxley on companies with a public float less than \$250 million, compared to the benefit;
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Posey amendment (No. 20 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to keep the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) from enforcing or issuing interpretive guidance on climate change;
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Maloney amendment (No. 21 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to mandate that Title VI cannot take effect until the Chair of the SEC certifies that in conducting the cost benefit analysis no resources will be diverted away from the SEC's mission to protect investors, maintain efficient markets and promote access to capital; and
Pages H5282–83

Posey amendment (No. 25 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to make it clear that the definition of "significant regulatory action" would include new Treasury regulations regarding non-resident alien deposits.
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H. Res. 738, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4078) and (H.R. 6082) was agreed to yesterday, July 24th.

Order of Business: Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider H. Con. Res. 134 in the House; that the concurrent resolution be considered as read; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution and preamble to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except 30 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by Representative Coffman and Representative Perlmutter or their respective designees.
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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, July 26th.
Pages H5264, H5289

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5225.

Senate Referral: S. 2090 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and 12 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5218, H5218–19, H5219–20, H5220, H5220–21, H5221, H5223, H5223–24, H5224, H5224–25, H5261, H5262, H5262–63, H5263, H5264. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SWAPS AND FUTURES MARKETS

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Swaps and Futures Markets: Recent Events and Impending Regulatory Reforms”. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

DOD AND VA COLLABORATION TO ASSIST SERVICE MEMBERS RETURNING TO CIVILIAN LIFE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee on Armed Services and Committee on Veterans’ Affairs held a joint hearing on Back from the Battlefield: DOD and VA Collaboration to Assist Service Members Returning to Civilian Life. Testimony was heard from Leon E. Panetta, Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; and Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs.

IMPROVING MILITARY CAPABILITIES FOR CYBER OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Digital Warriors: Improving Military Capabilities for Cyber Operations. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Michael S. Rogers, USN, Commander, U.S. Fleet Cyber Command and Commander, U.S. Tenth Fleet, U.S. Department of the Navy; Lieutenant General Rhett A. Hernandez, USA Commander, U.S. Army Cyber Command, U.S. Department of the Army; Lieutenant General Richard P. Mills, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration, Commanding General, USMC Combat Development Command, U.S. Department of the Marine Corps; and Major General Suzanne M. Vautrinot, USAF, Commander, 24th Air Force and Commander, Air Force Network Operations, U.S. Department of the Air Force.

EXAMINING PROPOSALS TO STRENGTHEN THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Examining Proposals to Strengthen the National Labor Relations Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power completed markup of the “No More Solyndras Act”. The bill was forwarded, as amended.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Annual Report of the Financial Stability Oversight Council”. Testimony was heard from Timothy Geithner, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

INVESTIGATING THE CHINESE THREAT, PART TWO: HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Investigating the Chinese Threat, Part Two: Human Rights Abuses, Torture and Disappearances”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UNDERSTANDING THE HOMELAND THREAT LANDSCAPE

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Understanding the Homeland Threat Landscape”. Testimony was heard from Janet Napolitano, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; and Matthew Olsen, Director, National Counterterrorism Center.

BEYOND THE STREETS: AMERICA’S EVOLVING GANG THREAT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “Beyond the Streets: America’s Evolving Gang Threat”. Testimony was heard from Robert F. Green, Assistant Commanding Officer, Operations-South Bureau, Los Angeles Police Department; Richard W. Stanek, Sheriff, Hennepin County, Minnesota; and public witnesses.

CLOUD COMPUTING: AN OVERVIEW OF THE TECHNOLOGY AND THE ISSUES FACING AMERICAN INNOVATORS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Cloud Computing: An Overview of the Technology and the Issues facing American

Innovators”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GAO REPORT: THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION’S \$8 BILLION EXTRALEGAL HEALTHCARE SPENDING PROJECT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “GAO Report: The Obama Administration’s \$8 Billion Extralegal Healthcare Spending Project”. Testimony was heard from Jonathan Blum, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare; James C. Cosgrove, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Edda Emmanuelli-Perez, Managing Associate General Counsel, Government Accountability Office.

REGULATORY FREEZE FOR JOBS ACT OF 2012

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4078, the “Regulatory Freeze for Jobs Act of 2012”. The Committee granted, by a record vote, a resolution providing that the amendment to H.R. 4078 printed in section 2 of the resolution shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.

DROUGHT FORECASTING, MONITORING AND DECISION-MAKING: A REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED DROUGHT INFORMATION SYSTEM

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Drought Forecasting, Monitoring and Decision-making: A Review of the National Integrated Drought Information System”. Testimony was heard from Roger S. Pulwarty, Program Director, National Integrated Drought Information Systems, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Gregory A. Ballard, Mayor, City of Indianapolis; and public witnesses.

TALES OF RESILIENCE: SMALL BUSINESS SURVIVAL IN THE RECESSION

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Tales of Resilience: Small Business Survival in the Recession”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OPPORTUNITY FOR EPA TO PROVIDE COMMUNITIES WITH FLEXIBILITY TO MAKE SMART INVESTMENTS IN WATER QUALITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “Integrated Planning and Permitting, Part 2: An Opportunity for EPA To

Provide Communities With Flexibility To Make Smart Investments in Water Quality”. Testimony was heard from Ted Portune, Commissioner, Hamilton County, Ohio Board of Commissioners; Carter H. Strickland, Jr., Commissioner, New York City Department of Environmental Protection; Nancy Stoner, Acting Assistant Administrator for Water, Environment Protection Agency; and Cynthia Giles, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency.

PUBLIC CHARITY ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES, UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME TAX, AND THE REVISED FORM 990

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Public Charity Organizational Issues, Unrelated Business Income Tax, and the Revised Form 990. Testimony was heard from Steven T. Miller, Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service; and public witnesses.

USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF SSI’S FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on the Use of Technology To Improve the Administration of SSI’s Financial Eligibility Requirements. Testimony was heard from Carolyn Colvin, Deputy Commissioner, Social Security Administration; Patrick P. O’Carroll, Jr., Inspector General, Social Security Administration; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: To hold hearings to examine S. 3239, to provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: To hold hearings to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council’s annual report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Business meeting to consider The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 13, 2006, and Signed by the United States of America on June 30, 2009 (Treaty Doc 112-7), S. 3341, to require a quadrennial diplomacy and development review, and the nominations of Gene Allan Cretz,

of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana, Deborah Ruth Malac, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, David Bruce Wharton, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, Alexander Mark Laskaris, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, Marcie B. Ries, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, John M. Koenig, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, Michael David Kirby, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, Thomas Hart Armbruster, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Greta Christine Holtz, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, all of the Department of State, and lists in the Foreign Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) reauthorization, focusing on helping to meet the child care needs of American families, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: To hold an oversight hearing to examine the regulation of tribal gaming, focusing on brick and mortar to the internet, 2:15 p.m., SD-G50.

Committee on the Judiciary: Business meeting to consider S. 225, to permit the disclosure of certain information for the purpose of missing child investigations, S.J. Res. 44, granting the consent of Congress to the State and Province Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding, and the nominations of Thomas M. Durkin, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Jon S. Tigar, and William H. Orrick, III, of the District of Columbia, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William Joseph Baer, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 1 p.m., SD-226.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, Full Committee, hearing on the Department of Homeland Security—Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) Program, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Civilian Workforce Requirements—Now and Across the Future Years Defense Program, 11:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, markup of S. 710, the “Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Establishment Act”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, hearing entitled “The 10th Anniversary of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act”, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, hearing entitled “Preventing Nuclear Terrorism: Does DHS Have an Effective and Efficient Nuclear Detection Strategy?”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 6169, the Pathway to Job Creation through a Simpler, Fairer Tax Code Act of 2012”, 9:30 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing entitled “Review of DOE Vehicle Technologies Program Management and Activities: Assuring Appropriate and Effective Use of Taxpayer Funding”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade, hearing entitled “Market Closed: Foreign Trade Barriers Facing Small Agriculture Exporters”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 4278, the “Preserving Rural Resources Act of 2012”; H.R. 5961, the “Farmer’s Privacy Act of 2012”; H.R. 2541, “Silviculture Regulatory Consistency Act”; H.R. 3158, the “Farmers Undertake Environmental Land Stewardship Act”; H.R. 5797, the “Mille Lacs Lake Freedom To Fish Act of 2012”; and General Services Administration Capitol Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 6156, “The Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal Act of 2012”, 9:45 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

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9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, July 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: The Majority Leader will be recognized.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H. Con. Res. 134—Condemning, in the strongest possible terms, the heinous atrocities that occurred in Aurora, Colorado. Complete consideration of H.R. 4078—Regulatory Freeze for Jobs Act of 2012.

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