

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3522–3525. **Pages S6062–63**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Tuesday, August 28, during the adjournment:

Report to accompany S. 3240, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017. (S. Rept. No. 112–203)

S. 1002, to prohibit theft of medical products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–204)

S. 1515, to permit certain members of the United States Secret Service and certain members of the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division who were appointed in 1984, 1985, or 1986 to elect to be covered under the District of Columbia Police and Firefighter Retirement and Disability System in the same manner as members appointed prior to 1984, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–205)

H.R. 915, to establish a Border Enforcement Security Task Force program to enhance border security by fostering coordinated efforts among Federal, State, and local border and law enforcement officials to protect United States border cities and communities from trans-national crime, including violence associated with drug trafficking, arms smuggling, illegal alien trafficking and smuggling, violence, and kidnapping along and across the international borders of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–206)

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. (S. Rept. No. 112–207)

S. 3521, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions. (S. Rept. No. 112–208)

Reported on Monday, September 10:

S. 3524, to deter the evasion of antidumping and countervailing duty orders. (S. Rept. No. 112–209)

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Measures Considered:

Veterans Jobs Corps Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps.

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September 11th Observance—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, there be a moment of silence in observance of the 11th anniversary of the attacks on September 11, 2001.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 89 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 190), Stephanie Marie Rose, of Iowa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—190) **Page S6037**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:54 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6067.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 — public bills, H.R. 6363–6369; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 117; and H. Res. 774–776 were introduced. **Pages H5764–65**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5765–67**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4057, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop a comprehensive policy to improve outreach and transparency to veterans and members of the Armed Forces through the provision of information on institutions of higher learning, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–646);

H.R. 6215, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to correct an error in the provisions relating to remedies for dilution (H. Rept. 112–647);

H.R. 6189, to eliminate unnecessary reporting requirements for unfunded programs under the Office of Justice Programs (H. Rept. 112–648);

H.R. 4305, to authorize the Attorney General to provide a grant to assist Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing individuals, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–649);

H.R. 1775, to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish a criminal offense relating to fraudulent claims about military service, with amendments (H. Rept. 112–650);

H.R. 2800, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–651);

H.R. 6213, to limit further taxpayer exposure from the loan guarantee program established under title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–652, Pt. 1);

H.R. 6131, to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–653);

S. 710, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental

Protection Agency to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–654);

H.R. 5544, to authorize and expedite a land exchange involving National Forest System land in the Laurentian District of the Superior National Forest and certain other National Forest System land in the State of Minnesota that has limited recreational and conservation resources and lands owned by the State of Minnesota in trust for the public school system that are largely scattered in checkerboard fashion within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and have important recreational, scenic, and conservation resources, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–655);

H.R. 2706, to prohibit the sale of billfish, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–656);

H.R. 6007, to exempt from the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers by the North Texas Municipal Water District and the Greater Texoma Utility Authority (H. Rept. 112–657);

H.R. 5319, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the mainstem of the Nashua River and its tributaries in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–658);

H.R. 5865, to promote the growth and competitiveness of American manufacturing, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–659, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 773, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5544) to authorize and expedite a land exchange involving National Forest System land in the Laurentian District of the Superior National Forest and certain other National Forest System land in the State of Minnesota that has limited recreational and conservation resources and lands owned by the State of Minnesota in trust for the public school system that are largely scattered in checkerboard fashion within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and have important recreational, scenic, and conservation resources, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5949) to

extend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 for five years (H. Rept. 112–660);

H.R. 6185, to improve security at State and local courthouses (H. Rept. 112–661, Pt. 1);

H.R. 6080, to make improvements in the enactment of title 41, United States Code, into a positive law title and to improve the Code (H. Rept. 112–662); and

H.R. 1974, to require the Public Printer to establish and maintain a website accessible to the public that allows the public to obtain electronic copies of all congressionally mandated reports in one place, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–663, Pt. 1). **Page H5764**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Womack to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5729**

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Dennis Cardoza, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Eighteenth Congressional District of California, effective at midnight on August 15, 2012. **Page H5729**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from California, Mr. Cardoza, the whole number of the House is 430. **Page H5729**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H5730**

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

Cabin Fee Act: H.R. 3397, amended, to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees; **Pages H5730–32**

Billfish Conservation Act: H.R. 2706, amended, to prohibit the sale of billfish; **Pages H5732–33**

North Texas Zebra Mussel Barrier Act of 2012: H.R. 6007, amended, to exempt from the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers by the North Texas Municipal Water District and the Greater Texoma Utility Authority; **Pages H5733–34**

American Battlefield Protection Program Amendments Act of 2012: H.R. 2489, amended, to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program; **Pages H5735–36**

Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 2139, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establish-

ment of Lions Clubs International, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 376 yeas to 2 nays with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 558; **Pages H5740–42, H5747–48**

Requiring a study of voluntary community-based flood insurance options and how such options could be incorporated into the national flood insurance program: H.R. 6186, to require a study of voluntary community-based flood insurance options and how such options could be incorporated into the national flood insurance program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 364 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 559; **Pages H5736–37, H5748–49**

Revising the authority of the Librarian of Congress to accept gifts and bequests on behalf of the Library: H.R. 6122, to revise the authority of the Librarian of Congress to accept gifts and bequests on behalf of the Library, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 377 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 557; **Pages H5742–43, H5747**

Amending the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds: H.R. 406, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate; **Pages H5743–44**

Providing funding to ensure the printing and production of the authorized number of copies of the revised and updated version of the House document entitled “Hispanic Americans in Congress”: H. Con. Res. 132, to provide funding to ensure the printing and production of the authorized number of copies of the revised and updated version of the House document entitled “Hispanic Americans in Congress”; and **Pages H5744–45**

Directing the Joint Committee on the Library to accept a statue depicting Frederick Douglass from the District of Columbia: H.R. 6336, amended, to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept a statue depicting Frederick Douglass from the District of Columbia and to provide for the permanent display of the statue in Emancipation Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center. **Pages H5745–46**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept a statue depicting Frederick Douglass from the District of Columbia and to provide for the permanent display of the statue in Emancipation Hall of the United States Capitol.”. **Page H5746**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:21 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H5746**

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

FHA Emergency Fiscal Solvency Act of 2012: H.R. 4264, amended, to help ensure the fiscal solvency of the FHA mortgage insurance programs of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5747, H5748 and H5748–49. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 6040, the “Continued Free Association with Palau Act of 2012”; and H.R. 6147, the “Ronald Wilson Reagan Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States”. Testimony was heard from Anthony M. Babauta, Assistant Secretary, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Edgard D. Kagan, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Areas, Department of State; and David Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office.

MINNESOTA EDUCATION INVESTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT ACT; AND FISA AMENDMENTS ACT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2012

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a record vote, a structured rule for H.R. 5544. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–30, as modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments to H.R. 5544 printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the

proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 5544 with or without instructions. The resolution further provides for a closed rule for H.R. 5949. The rule provides one hour of debate, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 5949 with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hastings (WA), and Representatives Marino, Ruppersberger, Grijalva, and McCollum (MN).

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D812)

H.R. 2527, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Signed on August 3, 2012. (Public Law 112–152)

S. 1335, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide rights for pilots. Signed on August 3, 2012. (Public Law 112–153)

H.R. 1627, to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care and medical services to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune, to improve the provision of housing assistance to veterans and their families. Signed on August 6, 2012. (Public Law 112–154)

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. Signed on August 7, 2012. (Public Law 112–155)

H.R. 1369, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1021 Pennsylvania Avenue in Hartshorne, Oklahoma, as the “Warren Lindley Post Office”. Signed on August 10, 2012. (Public Law 112–156)

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. Signed on August 10, 2012. (Public Law 112–157)

H.R. 1905, to strengthen Iran sanctions laws for the purpose of compelling Iran to abandon its pursuit of nuclear weapons and other threatening activities. Signed on August 10, 2012. (Public Law 112–158)

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”. Signed on August 10, 2012. (Public Law 112–159)

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”. Signed on August 10, 2012. (Public Law 112–160)

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”. Signed on August 10, 2012. (Public Law 112–161)

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”. Signed on August 10, 2012. (Public Law 112–162)

H.R. 5986, to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to extend the third-country fabric program 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. Signed on August 10, 2012. (Public Law 112–163)

S. 270, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon. Signed on August 10, 2012. (Public Law 112–164)

S. 271, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon. Signed on August 10, 2012. (Public Law 112–165)

S. 679, to reduce the number of executive positions subject to Senate confirmation. Signed on August 10, 2012. (Public Law 112–166)

S. 739, to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to establish battery recharging stations for privately owned vehicles in parking areas under the jurisdic-

tion of the Senate at no net cost to the Federal Government. Signed on August 10, 2012. (Public Law 112–167)

S. 1959, to require a report on the designation of the Haqqani Network as a foreign terrorist organization. Signed on August 10, 2012. (Public Law 112–168)

S. 3363, to provide for the use of National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center Commemorative Coin surcharges. Signed on August 10, 2012. (Public Law 112–169)

H.R. 1402, to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to establish battery recharging stations for privately owned vehicles in parking areas under the jurisdiction of the House of Representatives at no net cost to the Federal Government. Signed on August 16, 2012. (Public Law 112–170)

H.R. 3670, to require the Transportation Security Administration to comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. Signed on August 16, 2012. (Public Law 112–171)

H.R. 4240, to reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004. Signed on August 16, 2012. (Public Law 112–172)

S. 3510, to prevent harm to the national security or endangering the military officers and civilian employees to whom internet publication of certain information applies. Signed on August 16, 2012. (Public Law 112–173)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 11 through September 14,
2012

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S3457, Veterans Jobs Corps Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed at 2:15 p.m.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 13, to hold hearings to examine holding the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) accountable, focusing on a review of the semi-annual report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 12, to hold hearings to examine the path from low-Earth orbit (LEO) to Mars, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 12, to hold hearings to examine S. 3469, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 12, with the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold a joint oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) implementation of recommendations for enhancing nuclear reactor safety in the 21st century, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 12, to receive a closed briefing on an intelligence update on Syria and Iran, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

September 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph E. Macmanus, of New York, to be Representative to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, Sharon English Woods Villarosa, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, and Walter North, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands, and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, all of the Department of State, 2:45 p.m., SD-419.

September 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations Stephen D. Mull, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, and Dawn M. Liberi, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, both of the Department of State, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 13, to hold hearings to examine improving college affordability, focusing on a view from the states, 10:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 12, to hold hearings to examine the future of the General Services Administration, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 13, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine issues related to the quality of disability benefit awards involving 300 case files of claimants under the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplement Security Income (SSI) programs involving initial applications and subsequent levels of appeal, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: September 13, business meeting to consider S. 675, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, S. 1345, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and S. 1684, to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the impacts of the Carcieri and Patchak decisions, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

September 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kevin K. Washburn, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 12, to hold hearings to examine the Citizens United court and the continuing importance of the "Voting Rights Act", 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 13, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 645, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system, H.R. 2471, to amend section 2710 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that a video tape service provider may obtain a consumer's informed, written consent on an ongoing basis and that consent may be obtained through the Internet, S. 3486, to implement the provisions of the Hague Agreement and the Patent Law Treaty, S. 1894, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, S. 3250, to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to provide for Debbie Smith grants for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and to establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Registry, S. 3523, Innovative Design Protection Act, and the nomination of William Joseph Baer, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: September 12, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 13, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, September 11, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, on Navy shipbuilding and impacts on the defense industrial base in a time of fiscal uncertainty, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

September 12, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Operational Support: Learning from the Past and Preparing for the Future", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

September 13, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on F-22 pilot physiological issues, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

September 13, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the Federal Voting Assistance Program, 11:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

September 13, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Y-12 Intrusion: Investigation, Response, and Accountability, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Department of Defense Auditability Challenges, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, September 12, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pension; and Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training, joint hearing entitled “Expanding the Power of Big Labor: The NRLB’s Growing Intrusion into Higher Education”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 11, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled “The Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program—A Progress Report”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 4255, the “Accountability in Grants Act of 2012”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Health, markup of the following: H.R. 1206, the “Access to Professional Health Insurance Advisors Act of 2011”; H.R. 6118, the “Taking Essential Steps for Testing Act of 2012”; H.R. 1063, the “Strengthening Medicare and Repaying Taxpayers Act of 2011”; H.R. 6163, the “National Pediatric Research Network Act of 2012”; H.R. 4124, the “Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act of 2012”; and H.R. 733, the “Pancreatic Cancer Research and Education Act of 2012”, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 12, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Where the Jobs Are: There’s an App for That”, 9:45 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 12, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “DOE’s Nuclear Weapons Complex: Challenges to Safety, Security, and Taxpayer Stewardship”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 13, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “The American Energy Initiative”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 13, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Creating Opportunities through Improved Government Spectrum Efficiency”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “The American Energy Initiative”, 9:45 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Title 42—A Review of Special Hiring Authorities”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 11, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “TRIA at Ten Years: The Future of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 12, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 2827, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to clarify provisions relating to the regulation of municipal advisors, and for other purposes; and the “Vulnerable Veterans Housing Reform Act of 2102”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 13, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Examining the Uses of Consumer Credit Data”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “Housing for Heroes: Examining How Federal Programs Can Better Serve Veterans”, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, September 12, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 6313, to promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea and its environs and other maritime areas adjacent to the East Asian mainland; and hearing entitled “Beijing as an Emerging Power in the South China Sea”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 12, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, joint hearing entitled “Organ Harvesting of Religious and Political Dissidents by the Chinese Communist Party”, 2:00 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 13, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “Combating the Haqqani Terrorist Network”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 13, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled “Assessing U.S. Policy on Peacekeeping Operations in Africa”, 3 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

September 13, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Conditions at Camp Liberty: U.S. and Iraqi Failures”, 3 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, September 11, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Eleven Year Later: Preventing Terrorists from Coming to America”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

September 11, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “Eleven Years After 9/11 Can TSA Evolve To Meet the Next Terrorist Threat?”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

September 12, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, hearing entitled “The EMP Threat: Examining the Consequences”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

September 12, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communication, hearing entitled “Resilient Communications: Current Challenges and Future Advancements”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

September 13, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications; and Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, joint hearing entitled “BioWatch Present and Future: Meeting Mission Needs for Effective Biosurveillance?”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

September 14, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management, hearing entitled “Lessons From Fort Hood: Improving our Ability to Connect the Dots”, 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 12, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Obama Administration’s Abuse of Power”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, September 10, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 6040, the “Continued Free Association with Palau Act of 2012”; and H.R. 6147, the Ronald Wilson Reagan Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 11, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Chu Memorandum: Directives Could Increase Electricity Costs for over 40 Million Families and Small Businesses”, 11:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 11, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the “Frank Buckles World War I Memorial Act”; and H.R. 4969, the “California Coastal National Monument Expansion Act of 2012”, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 13, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Committee Oversight of Department of the Interior: Questioning of Key Department of the Interior Officials”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 14, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “Per Capita Act and Federal Treatment of Trust Per Capita Distributions”, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, September 12, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations hearing entitled “Dawood National Military Hospital Afghanistan: What Happened and What Went Wrong? Part II”, 9:45 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 13, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services, and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs and the Committee on Financial Services’ Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, joint hearing entitled “The JOBS Act: Importance of Prompt Implementation for Entrepreneurs, Capital Formation, and Job Creation”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 13, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations, hearing entitled “SIGAR Report: Document Destruction and Millions of Dollars Unaccounted for at the Department of Defense”, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, September 12, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 6213, the “No More Solyndras Act”; the “National Security and Job Protection Act”; and “Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013”, 3 p.m., H-313, Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, September 11, Subcommittee on Healthcare and Technology, hearing entitled “Medicare’s Durable Medical Equipment Competitive Bidding Program: How are Small Suppliers Faring?”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

September 12, Full Committee, hearing entitled “User Fees in the Aviation Industry: Turbulence Ahead”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

September 13, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Capital Access and Tax, hearing entitled “Adding to Un-

certainty: Small Businesses’ Perspectives on the Tax Cliff”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, September 12, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “Examining NASA’s Development of the Space Launch System and Orion Crew Capsule”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 12, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled “Mismanagement of Funds at the National Weather Service and the Impact on the Future of Weather Forecasting”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Recent Developments in NASA’s Commercial Crew Acquisition Strategy”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 11, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Review of Amtrak Operations Part 2: The High Cost of Amtrak’s Monopoly Mentality in Commuter Rail Competitions”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Tenth Anniversary of the Maritime Transportation Security Act: Are We Safer?”, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

September 13, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “Evaluating the Effectiveness of DOT’s Truck and Bus Safety Program”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 14, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “A Review of the Challenges Maintaining Legacy Assets Pose to United States Coast Guard Mission Performance”, 9 a.m., 2243 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, September 14, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “VA Fee Basis Care: Flawed Policies not a Fix for a Flawed System”, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, September 11, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Internal Revenue Service’s (“IRS”) implementation and administration of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

September 12, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled “Direct Deposit of Social Security Benefits”, 9 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

September 12, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Implementation of Health Insurance Exchanges and Related Provisions”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

September 14, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled “Securing the Future of the Social Security Disability Insurance Program”, 9:30 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

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Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH CONGRESS

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DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through August 31, 2012

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	101	103	..
Time in session	667 hrs., 40'	563 hrs., 56'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	S 6,021	H 5,728	..
Extensions of remarks .....	..	E 1,448	..
Public bills enacted into law	22	61	83
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	266	292	558
Senate bills	37	23	..
House bills	60	186	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	11	8	..
House concurrent resolutions	12	14	..
Simple resolutions	145	60	..
Measures reported, total	* 157	* 256	413
Senate bills	112	10	..
House bills	28	204	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	2	..
Simple resolutions	16	40	..
Special reports	5	26	..
Conference reports	3	3	..
Measures pending on calendar	358	88	..
Measures introduced, total	1,728	2,922	4,650
Bills	1,490	2,598	..
Joint resolutions	16	19	..
Concurrent resolutions	26	41	..
Simple resolutions	196	264	..
Quorum calls .....	..	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	189	175	..
Recorded votes .....	..	** 379	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 106 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 285 reports have been filed in the House.

**Proceedings on Roll Call No. 327 were vacated by unanimous consent.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through August 31, 2012

Civilian nominations, totaling 362 (including 188 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		205
Unconfirmed		140
Withdrawn		16
Returned to the White House		1
Other civilian nominations, totaling 3,764 (including 167 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,203
Unconfirmed		2,558
Withdrawn		3
Air Force nominations, totaling 5,767 (including 295 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		2,130
Unconfirmed		3,636
Withdrawn		1
Army nominations, totaling 4,447 (including 16 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		4,411
Unconfirmed		35
Withdrawn		1
Navy nominations, totaling 3,047 (including 1 nomination carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,816
Unconfirmed		1,231
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,310, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,310
<i>Summary</i>		
Total nominations carried over from the First Session		667
Total nominations received this Session		18,030
Total confirmed		11,075
Total unconfirmed		7,600
Total withdrawn		21
Total returned to the White House		1

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, September 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: The Majority Leader will be recognized. At 11 a.m., Senate will conduct a moment of silence in observance of the 11th anniversary of the attacks on September 11, 2001.

At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3457, Veterans Jobs Corps Act.

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, September 11

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following measures under suspension of the rules: 1) H.R. 4631—Government Spending Accountability Act of 2012, as amended; 2) H.R. 538—Government Customer Service Improvement Act, as amended; 3) H.R. 4057—Improving Transparency of Education Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2012, as amended; 4) H.R. 4305—Child and Elderly Missing Alert Program; 5) H.R. 6215—To amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to correct an error in the provisions relating to remedies for dilution, as amended; 6) H.R. 6185—Local Courthouse Safety Act of 2012, as amended; 7) H.R. 1775—Stolen Valor Act; 8) H.R. 6080—

To make improvements in the enactment of title 41, United States Code, into a positive law title and to improve the code; 9) H.R. 2800—To amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program; 10) H.R. 6189—To eliminate unnecessary reporting requirements for unfunded programs under the Office of Justice Programs, as amended; 11) S. 3245—A bill to extend by 3 years the authorization of the EB-5 Regional Center Program, the E-Verify Program, the Special Immigrant Nonminister Religious Worker Program, and the Conrad State 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program; 12) H.R. 6131—To extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, and Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006, and for other purposes; 13) S. 710—Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Establishment Act; 14) H.R. 5865—American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2012; 15) H.R. 3857—Public Transit Security and Local Law Enforcement Support Act; 16) H.R. 6028—No-Hassle Flying Act of 2012; 17) H.R. 1410—Vietnam Human Rights Act; 18) H. Res. 484—Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to respect basic human rights and cease abusing vague national security provisions such as articles 79 and 88 of the Vietnamese penal code which are often the pretext to arrest and detain citizens who peacefully advocate for religious and political freedom; 19) H.R. 1464—North Korean Refugee Adoption Act; 20) H. Res. 177—Expressing support for internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace; and 21) S. Con. Res. 17—A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Taiwan should be accorded observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization.

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