

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the House Message to accompany H.R. 5281, Removal Clarification Act.  
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**Treaty With Russia on Measures for Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of Treaty Doc. 111–5, between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol.  
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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the treaty at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Friday, December 17, 2010.  
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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Catherine C. Eagles, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

Kimberly J. Mueller, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

John A. Gibney, Jr., of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

James Kelleher Bredar, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 17, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10419.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### INTELLIGENCE

**Select Committee on Intelligence:** Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 13 public bills, H.R. 6527–6539; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 335 ; and H. Res. 1770, 1772–1774 were introduced.  
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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4678, to require foreign manufacturers of products imported into the United States to establish registered agents in the United States who are authorized to accept service of process against such manufacturers, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–683, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 1771, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 111–684);

H.R. 3890, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to enhance oversight of nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–685, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3818, to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to require advisers of certain unregistered investment companies to register with and provide information to the Securities and Exchange

Commission, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–686, Pt. 1)

H.R. 3817, to provide the Securities and Exchange Commission with additional authorities to protect investors from violations of the securities laws, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–687, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 1064, to provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention to help build individual, family, and community strength and resiliency to ensure that youth lead productive, safe, healthy, gang-free, and law-abiding lives, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–688, Pt. 1).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Taylor motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 14 yeas to 385 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 639.

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**Middle Class Tax Relief Act of 2010—Rule for Consideration:** The House began consideration of H. Res. 1766, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 4853) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program. Subsequently, the resolution was withdrawn.

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A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 1766 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote.

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

**Bankruptcy Technical Corrections Act of 2010:** Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 6198, to amend title 11 of the United States Code to make technical corrections;

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**Preserving Foreign Criminal Assets for Forfeiture Act of 2010:** S. 4005, to amend title 28, United States Code, to prevent the proceeds or instrumentalities of foreign crime located in the United States from being shielded from foreign forfeiture proceedings; and

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**Reauthorizing and enhancing Johanna's Law to increase public awareness and knowledge with respect to gynecologic cancers:** Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2941, to reauthorize and en-

hance Johanna's Law to increase public awareness and knowledge with respect to gynecologic cancers.

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**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, December 15th:

**Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Act of 2010:** S. 841, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to study and establish a motor vehicle safety standard that provides for a means of alerting blind and other pedestrians of motor vehicle operation, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 379 yeas to 30 nays, Roll No. 640;

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**Requiring reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery:** S. 3860, to require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 641;

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**Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010:** S. 3447, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 642; and

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**Calling on the State Department to list the Socialist Republic of Vietnam as a “Country of Particular Concern” with respect to religious freedom:** H. Res. 20, amended, to call on the State Department to list the Socialist Republic of Vietnam as a “Country of Particular Concern” with respect to religious freedom.

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**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspensions of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

**Enacting certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, “Public Contracts”:** Concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 1107, to enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, “Public Contracts” and

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**Establishing a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges:** Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 628, to establish a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:29 p.m. and reconvened at 5:45 p.m.

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**Suspension—Failed:** The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, December 15th:

***International Protecting Girls by Preventing Child Marriage Act of 2010:*** S. 987, to protect girls in developing countries through the prevention of child marriage, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 241 yeas to 166 nays, Roll No. 645.

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**Middle Class Tax Relief Act of 2010:** The House concurred in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4853, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, by a recorded vote of 277 yeas to 148 nays, Roll No. 647.

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Prior to the declaration of the House into the Committee of the Whole pursuant to H. Res. 1766, the Chair noted that the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 4853) contains: an emergency designation for purposes of pay-as-you-go principles under clause 10(c) of rule 21 and an emergency designation pursuant to section 4(g)(1) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010. Accordingly, the Chair put the question of consideration under clause 10(c)(3) of rule 21, and under section 4(g)(2) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010. It was subsequently agreed to proceed with consideration of the Senate amendment by voice vote.

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Rejected:

Levin amendment to the Senate amendment (printed in H. Rept. 111–682) that sought to strike Title III of the Senate amendment to H.R. 4583 and amend the bill to provide two years of estate tax relief at 2009 levels. In calendar years 2011 and 2012, the estate tax exemption amount would be \$3.5 million (\$7 million total for a married couple) and the maximum tax rate on estates would be 45%. Additionally, the amendment would provide estates from decedents in 2010 with the ability to elect to be treated under the 2009 levels or to be treated under current law for tax purposes. This election would allow estates to receive a step up in basis on inherited property rather than the 2010 carryover basis rules. The exemption level and rate are consistent with the estate tax proposal included in the President's FY2010 and FY2011 Budgets. Under the Senate amendment to H.R. 4583, the bill would provide two years of estate tax relief with a \$5 million estate tax exemption (\$10 million total for a married couple) and a maximum rate of 35%. The amendment saves \$23 billion, and affects 6,600 es-

tates in 2011 which would receive an average additional tax cut of more than \$1.5 million under the Senate bill (by a recorded vote of 194 yeas to 233 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 646).

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H. Res. 1766, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 214 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 644.

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Agreed to the Slaughter amendment to the rule by a recorded vote of 230 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 643, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8534.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yeas-and-nays votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8532, H8543, H8543–44, H8544–45, H8550–51, H8551, H8551–52, H8594 and H8594–95. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:05 a.m. on Friday, December 17th.

## Committee Meetings

### ESPIONAGE ACT/WIKILEAKS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held a hearing on the Espionage Act and the Legal and Constitutional Issues Raised by WikiLeaks. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolution reported through the legislative day of December 24, 2010. The rule authorizes the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time through the legislative day of December 24, 2010. The Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to section 2 of the resolution.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.