

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—224) **Pages S7663, S7663–64**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 4:52 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S7688–89.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Federal Housing Administration, focusing on Housing and Urban Development's response to fiscal challenges, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

### SUPERSTORM SANDY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine superstorm Sandy, focusing on the devastating impact on the nation's largest trans-

portation systems, after receiving testimony from Senators Schumer, Menendez, and Gillibrand; Joseph H. Boardman, Amtrak, Washington, D.C.; Joseph J. Lhota, New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and Patrick J. Foye, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, both of New York, New York; and James Weinstein, New Jersey Transit Corporation, Newark.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Katherine Polk Failla, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Troy L. Nunley, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Sheri Polster Chappell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Pamela Ki Mai Chen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Mark A. Barnett, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and Louise W. Kelton, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Tennessee, and Patrick J. Wilkerson, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, both of the Department of Justice.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 7, 2012 in pro forma session.

## Committee Meetings

### UPDATE OF THE HIGH SPEED AND INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL PROGRAM: MISTAKES MADE AND LESSONS LEARNED

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "An Update of the High Speed and Intercity Passenger Rail Program: Mistakes Made and Lessons Learned". Testimony was heard from Ray LaHood, Secretary, Department of Transportation; Representatives McCarthy (CA) and Hahn; Mitchell Behm, Assistant Inspector General for Rail, Maritime and Economic Analysis, Department of Transportation; Susan Fleming, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; Paula J. Hammond, Secretary of Transportation, Washington State; Ann L. Schneider, Secretary of Transportation, State of Illinois; and a public witness.

## Joint Meetings

### FISCAL CLIFF

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the fiscal cliff, focusing on how to protect the middle class, sustain long-term economic growth, and reduce the Federal deficit, after receiving testimony from Mark Zandi, Moody's Analytics, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Kevin A. Hassett, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.