

vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, December 13, 2012. **Pages S7723–24**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 76 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. 225), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S7724**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, December 12, 2012. **Page S7752**

**Retiring Senators Speeches—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the previous order with respect to the remarks of retiring Senators be amended to occur from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., on Wednesday, December 12, 2012. **Page S7752**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 226), John E. Dowdell, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma. **Pages S7724, S7732–37, S7752**

Jesus G. Bernal, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Pages S7724, S7732–37, S7752**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page S7744**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S7743–44**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S7745–50**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

**Pages S7750–51**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—226) **Pages S7724, S7736**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 12, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7752.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine streamlining and strengthening Housing and Urban Development's rental housing assistance programs, after receiving testimony from Sandra B. Henriquez, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ronald Lee Buch, of Virginia, and Albert G. Lauber, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### 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:** 6 public bills, H.R. 6644–6649; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 828 were introduced. **Page H6701**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H6701–02**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows: H. Res. 827, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 112–700). **Page H6701**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:31 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H6684**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 272 yeas to 102 nays with 3 answering "present", Roll No. 620. **Pages H6685–86**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:08 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H6685**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H6685.

**Quorum Calls Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H6685–86. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### DEVASTATING CRISIS IN EASTERN CONGO

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled “The Devastating Crisis in Eastern Congo”. Testimony was heard from Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules. The Committee, granted by a voice vote, a rule providing that it shall be in order at any time through the legislative day of December 28, 2012, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules. The rule provides that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration under suspension of the rules.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine tax reform and Federal energy policy, focusing on incentives to promote energy efficiency, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Keith Kelly, of Montana, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, and William S. Greenberg, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, 10 a.m., SR–418.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Shelly Deckert Dick, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, Andrew Patrick Gordon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Ketanji Brown Jackson, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Beverly Reid O'Connell, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine ending the school-to-prison pipeline, 2 p.m., SH–216.

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*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Keeping the New Broadband Spectrum Law on Track”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Challenges Facing the U.S. Capital Markets to Effectively Implement Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “HGH Testing in the NFL: Is the Science Ready?”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Future of NASA: Perspectives on Strategic Vision for America's Space Program”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* Full Committee, business meeting to Approve Activities Report for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing entitled “Proposal to Reduce Child Deaths Due to Maltreatment”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.