

tracking of electronic communications devices, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

HURRICANE SANDY

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Hurricane Sandy, focusing on assessing the Federal response and small business recovery efforts, after receiving testimony from Michael Chodos, Associate Administrator for Entrepreneurial Development, and James Rivera, Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance, both of the Small Business Administration; Mayor Dawn

Zimmer, Hoboken, New Jersey; James L. King, New York State Small Business Development Center, Albany, on behalf of the Association of Small Business Development Centers; and Kevin S. Law, Long Island Association, Melville, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 6654–6670; 2 resolutions, H. Res. 831–832, were introduced. **Pages H6806–07**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6807**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

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

Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012: H.R. 4053, amended, to intensify efforts to identify, prevent, and recover payment error, waste, fraud, and abuse within Federal spending, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 626;

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GAO Mandates Revision Act of 2012: S. 3315, to repeal or modify certain mandates of the Government Accountability Office; and **Pages H6771–72**

D.C. Courts and Public Defender Service Act: S. 1379, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to revise certain administrative authorities of the District of Columbia courts, and to authorize the District of Columbia Public Defender Service to provide professional liability insurance for officers and employees of the Service for claims relating to services furnished within the scope of employment with the Service. **Pages H6772–75**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:31 a.m. and reconvened at 10:02 a.m. **Page H6775**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:38 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. **Page H6779**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed by unanimous consent to disagree to

the Senate amendment and agree to a conference on H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Pages H6775–82**

Agreed to the Davis (CA) motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 399 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 624. **Page H6780**

Agreed to the McKeon motion to permit closed conference meetings by a yea-and-nay vote of 351 yeas to 53 nays, Roll No. 625. **Pages H6780–81**

The Chair appointed the following conferees: From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives McKeon, Bartlett, Thornberry, Forbes, Miller (FL), Wilson (SC), LoBiondo, Turner (OH), Kline, Rogers (AL), Shuster, Conaway, Wittman, Hunter, Rigell, Hartzler, West, Roby, Smith (WA), Reyes, Loretta Sanchez (CA), McIntyre, Andrews, Davis (CA), Langevin, Larsen (WA), Cooper, Bordallo, Courtney, Loeb sack, Tsongas, and Pingree (ME). **Page H6782**

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Representatives Rogers (MI), Nunes, and Ruppberger. **Page H6782**

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of secs. 541 and 561 of the House bill and secs. 563 and 571–73 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Petri, Noem and Scott (VA). **Page H6782**

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of secs. 312, 601, 727, 3111, 3113,

3114, 3117, 3118, 3132, 3133, 3151, and 3202 of the House bill and secs. 736, 758, 914, 3118, 3122, 3152–54, 3156, and 5022 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Walden, Whitfield, and Waxman.

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From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of sec. 661 of the House bill, and secs. 651–55, subtitle E of title XII, and title L of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Capito, Huizenga (MI), and Perlmutter.

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From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of secs. 227, 230, 335, 355, 952, 1013, 1033, 1035, 1037, 1041, 1043, 1097, 1111, 1202, 1203, 1212, 1213, 1217, 1219, 1234, 1237, 1238, 1240, 1240A, 1240B, 1240C, 1243, 1245–47, 1301, 1303, 1531–33, title XVII, secs. 3120, 3121, and 3123 of the House bill and secs. 237, 342, 873, subtitle F of title VIII, secs. 1013, 1031, 1033, 1042, 1045, 1050, 1093, 1201–04, 1212–15, 1217, 1218, 1223, 1224, 1241, 1242, 1247, 1248, subtitle E of title XII, secs. 1301, 1531, 1532, 1534, 3114, and 5023 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Ros-Lehtinen, Royce, and Berman.

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From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of sec. 1111 of the House bill and sec. 1803 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives King (NY), Turner (NY), and Thompson (MI)

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From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 564, 593, 599, 1033, 1084, 1088, 1099C, 1707, and 1709 of the House bill and secs. 653, 736, 844, 844A, 897, 899, 1033, 1092, 1096, 1099C, 5021, 5024, subtitle E of title XII and title LI of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Smith (TX), Daniel E. Lungren (CA), and Conyers.

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From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of secs. 316, 317, 601, 2841, 2846, and 2861 of the House bill and secs. 271, 312, 1091, 1433, title XIX, and sec. 2842 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hastings (WA), Bishop (UT) and Markey.

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From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of secs. 313, 651, 663, 801, 812, 833, 952, 1101–04, 1111, 1616, 1683, 1702, 1704–06, and 2811 of the House bill and secs. 641, 822, 825, 844, 844A, 892, 894–96, 903, 1099A, 1101–04, and subtitle B of title LIII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Issa, Walberg, and Cummings.

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From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for consideration of secs. 916, 1074, 1603, 1617, 1661, and 3158 of the House bill and secs. 271, 912, 1046, title XVIII, secs. 3153, 3159, and 3504 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hall, Biggert, and Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX).

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From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of secs. 1611, 1621–23, 1631, 1632, 1641, 1651–58, 1661, 1671–73, 1681–83, 1691, 1693a, 1695, and 1697 of the House bill and secs. 848, 888, 889E, 1090, and 1099E of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Graves (MO), Herrera Beutler, and Velázquez.

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From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of secs. 334, 535, 601, 704, 1074, 1078, 2801, and 3509 of the House bill and secs. 521, 1803, 1804, 3503–05, 3508, and 3509 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Mica, Coble and Bishop (NY).

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From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of secs. 355, 564, 565, 664, and 728 of the House bill, and secs. 642, 755, 756, 759–64, 1044, 1087, 1090, 1097, 1099B, and title L of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bilirakis, Lamborn and Michaud.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, December 17th for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6775.

Senate Referral: S. 3677 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6780, H6781 and H6782. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DODD–FRANK DERIVATIVES REFORM: CHALLENGES FACING U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a