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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 7 public bills, H.R. 6683–6689; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 836–839 were introduced. **Pages H7359–60**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H7360**

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

Fourth Quarter Report of the Activities of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs During the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–706) **Page H7359**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7267**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:17 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7276**

**Correcting the enrollment of S. 2367:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and agree to S. Con. Res. 63, to correct the enrollment of S. 2367. **Pages H7276–77**

**Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the lying in state of the remains of the late Honorable Daniel K. Inouye:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and agree to S. Con. Res. 64, to authorize the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the lying in state of the remains of the late Honorable Daniel K. Inouye. **Page H7277**

**Providing for the printing of a revised edition of the Rules and Manual of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress:** The House agreed to H. Res. 836, to provide for the printing of a revised edition of the Rules and Manual of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress. **Page H7277**

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

*Referring H.R. 5862, a bill making congressional reference to the United States Court of Federal Claims pursuant to sections 1492 and 2509 of title 28, United States Code, the Indian trust-related claims of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma (O-Gab-Pah) as well as its individual members:*

H. Res. 668, amended, to refer H.R. 5862, a bill making congressional reference to the United States Court of Federal Claims pursuant to sections 1492 and 2509 of title 28, United States Code, the Indian trust-related claims of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma (O-Gab-Pah) as well as its individual members, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 635; **Pages H7280–82, H7308–09**

*Reauthorizing certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response:* H.R. 6672, to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 383 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 633; **Pages H7282–96, H7307**

*Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers Who Deliver Infants Early Reauthorization Act:* S. 1440, amended, to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity; **Pages H7296–7301**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy; to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity; to provide for a National Pediatric Research Network, including with respect to pediatric rare diseases or conditions; and to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals." **Page H7298**

*Medicare IVIG Access Act:* H.R. 1845, amended, to provide for a study on issues relating to access to intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) for Medicare beneficiaries in all care settings and a demonstration project to examine the benefits of providing coverage and payment for items and services necessary to administer IVIG in the home, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 634; **Pages H7301–07, H7307–08**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To provide a demonstration project providing Medicare coverage for in-home administration of intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) and to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the application of Medicare secondary payer rules for certain claims.”

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**Protect Our Kids Act of 2012:** H.R. 6655, to establish a commission to develop a national strategy and recommendations for reducing fatalities resulting from child abuse and neglect, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 330 yeas to 77 nays, Roll No. 636;

Pages H7313–17, H7327–28

**James F. Battin United States Courthouse Designation Act:** S. 3311, to designate the United States courthouse located at 2601 2nd Avenue North, Billings, Montana, as the “James F. Battin United States Courthouse”;

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**Hatch Act Modernization Act of 2012:** S. 2170, to amend the provisions of title 5, United States Code, which are commonly referred to as the “Hatch Act”, to scale back the provision forbidding certain State and local employees from seeking elective office, clarify the application of certain provisions to the District of Columbia, and modify the penalties which may be imposed for certain violations under subchapter III of chapter 73 of that title;

Pages H7320–23

**Public Interest Declassification Board Reauthorization Act of 2012:** S. 3564, to extend the Public Interest Declassification Act of 2000 until 2014, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 637;

Pages H7323–24, H7328–29

**Government Employee Accountability Act:** H.R. 6016, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for administrative leave requirements with respect to Senior Executive Service employees, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 638; and

Pages H7324–26, H7329

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for investigative leave requirements with respect to Senior Executive Service employees, and for other purposes.”

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**Nelson “Mac” MacWilliams Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 4062, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1444 Main Street in Ramona, California, as the “Nelson ‘Mac’ MacWilliams Post Office Building”.

Pages H7326–27

**James M. Carter and Judith N. Keep United States Courthouse Designation Act:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6166, to designate the United States courthouse lo-

cated at 333 West Broadway Street in San Diego, California, as the “James M. Carter and Judith N. Keep United States Courthouse”.

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**Paul Brown United States Courthouse Designation Act:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6633, to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 East Pecan Street in Sherman, Texas, as the “Paul Brown United States Courthouse”.

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

**Medicare Identity Theft Prevention Act:** H.R. 1509, amended, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to prohibit the inclusion of Social Security account numbers on Medicare cards;

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**Mt. Andrea Lawrence Designation Act:** S. 925, to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence;

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**Postal Inspector Terry Asbury Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 6587, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 225 Simi Village Drive in Simi Valley, California, as the “Postal Inspector Terry Asbury Post Office Building”;

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**Mann-Grandstaff Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Designation Act:** H.R. 3197, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Spokane, Washington, as the “Mann-Grandstaff Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”;

Pages H7330–31

**William “Bill” Kling VA Clinic Designation Act:** H.R. 6443, to designate the facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 9800 West Commercial Boulevard in Sunrise, Florida, as the “William ‘Bill’ Kling VA Clinic”;

Pages H7331–33

**Representative Curtis B. Inabinett, Sr. Post Office Designation Act:** H.R. 6379, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6239 Savannah Highway in Ravenel, South Carolina, as the “Representative Curtis B. Inabinett, Sr. Post Office”;

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**Sidney “Sid” Sanders McMath Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3869, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 East Capitol Avenue in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the “Sidney ‘Sid’ Sanders McMath Post Office Building”;

Pages H7333–34

**Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3378, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the “Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building”;

Pages H7334–35

**Cecil E. Bolt Post Office Designation Act:** H.R. 4389, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19 East Merced Street in Fowler, California, as the “Cecil E. Bolt Post Office”; and **Pages H7335–36**

**Lieutenant Kenneth M. Ballard Memorial Post Office Designation Act:** H.R. 6260, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 211 Hope Street in Mountain View, California, as the “Lieutenant Kenneth M. Ballard Memorial Post Office”. **Pages H7336–37**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon tomorrow, December 20th. **Page H7333**

**Privileged Resolution:** The House agreed to H. Res. 839, relating to the death of the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, a Senator from the State of Hawaii. **Pages H7337–41**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7267.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7307, H7308, H7308–09, H7327–28, H7328–29, H7329. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and at 10:21 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 839, it stands adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Daniel K. Inouye.

## Committee Meetings

### EVOLVING SECURITY SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO AND IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

**Committee on Armed Services:** Full Committee held a hearing on an update on the evolving security situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and implications for U.S. national security. Testimony was heard from Derek Chollet, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; Johnnie Carson Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of African Affairs; and public witnesses.

### CHALLENGES FACING MULTIEMPLOYER PENSION PLANS: EVALUATING PBGC'S INSURANCE PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

**Committee on Education and the Workforce:** Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Challenges Facing Multiemployer Pension Plans: Evaluating PBGC's Insurance Program and Financial Outlook”. Testi-

mony was heard from Joshua Gotbaum, Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Ethics:** Full Committee held a meeting on considering proposed amendments to Committee Rules. The motion passed by a unanimous vote on the proposed Committee Rules changes.

### CONFERENCE REPORT—NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FY 2013; APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED IN THE BURMESE FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY ACT OF 2003; AND SPENDING REDUCTION ACT OF 2012

**Committee on Rules:** Full Committee held a hearing on Conference Report to accompany H.R. 4310, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013”; Senate Amendment to H.J. Res. 66, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003; and H.R. 6684, the “Spending Reduction Act of 2012”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. Debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII.

The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the consideration of H.J. Res. 66. The rule makes in order a motion by the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means that the House concur in the Senate amendment with the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule further provides a closed rule for H.R. 6684. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and Minority Leader or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman McKeon and Chairman Camp and