

**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

Representatives Smith (WA), Jackson Lee (TX), Levin, Mulvaney, Jordon, and Scalise.

## ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities. This was a closed hearing.,

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1046)

H.R. 3187, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the March of Dimes Foundation. Signed on December 18, 2012. (Public Law 112–209)

H.R. 6582, to allow for innovations and alternative technologies that meet or exceed desired energy efficiency goals, and to make technical corrections to existing Federal energy efficiency laws to allow American manufacturers to remain competitive. Signed on December 18, 2012. (Public Law 112–210)

S. 3486, to implement the provisions of the Hague Agreement and the Patent Law Treaty. Signed on December 18, 2012. (Public Law 112–211)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine recovering from superstorm Sandy, focusing on rebuilding our infrastructure, 11 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to consider 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, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William B. Shultz, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services, and Christopher J. Meade, of New York, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine Benghazi, focusing on the attacks and the lessons learned, 8 a.m., SH–216.

### House

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Benghazi Attack, Part II: The Report of the Accountability Review Board”, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* Full Committee, business meeting, Investigative Report on the U.S. National Security Issues Posed by Chinese Telecommunications Companies Huawei and ZTE, 9 a.m., HVC–304.

Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 9:30 a.m., HVC–304. This is a closed hearing.