

Daily Digest

Highlights

House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3288, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12835–S12969

Measures Introduced: Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2863–2871. **Page S12909**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2010”. (S. Rept. No. 111–106)

S. 1755, to direct the Department of Homeland Security to undertake a study on emergency communications. (S. Rept. No. 111–105) **Page S12909**

Measures Passed:

Non-Federal Public Entities Funds Extension: Senate passed H.R. 4165, to extend through December 31, 2010, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12969**

Airport and Airway Trust Fund Extension: Senate passed H.R. 4217, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12969**

Social Security Act: Senate passed H.R. 4218, to amend titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to prohibit retroactive payments to individuals during periods for which such individuals are prisoners, fugitive felons, or probation or parole violators, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12969**

Measures Considered:

Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3590, to

amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12836–76**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S12836**

Dorgan Modified Amendment No. 2793 (to Amendment No. 2786), to provide for the importation of prescription drugs. **Page S12836**

Crapo motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S12836**

Conference Reports:

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Pages S12876–S12904**

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

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 371), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the conference report. **Page S12877**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Saturday, December 12, 2009. **Page S12898**

Messages from the House: **Page S12908**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**Pages S12911–13****Amendments Submitted:****Pages S12913–68****Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S12968****Privileges of the Floor: Page S12968****Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—371) **Page S12877**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:04 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, December 11, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12969.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine the Federal role in overseeing the safety of public transportation systems, after receiving testimony from Senator Mikulski; Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; David J. Wise, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Brian Cristy, Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, Boston; and John B. Catoe, Jr., Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and William Millar, American Public Transportation Association, Washington, D.C.

DATA-DRIVEN PERFORMANCE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine data-driven performance, focusing on using technology to deliver results, after receiving testimony from Aneesh Chopra, Chief Technology Officer and Associate Director for Technology, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Vivek Kundra, Federal Chief Information Officer, Administrator for Electronic Government and Information Technology, Office of Management and Budget; Roger W. Baker, Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Information and Technology; and Brad Douglas, Georgia Department of Administrative Services Commissioner, Atlanta.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine aviation safety, focusing on Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) safety initiatives, after receiving testimony from Randolph Babbitt, Administrator, Fed-

eral Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

GRID-SCALE ENERGY STORAGE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of grid-scale energy storage in meeting our energy and climate goals, after receiving testimony from Steven E. Koonin, Under Secretary for Science, Jon Wellinghoff, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Robert McGrath, Deputy Laboratory Director, Science and Technology, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, and Elliot Mainzer, Executive Vice President, Corporate Strategy, Bonneville Power Administration, all of the Department of Energy; Ralph D. Masiello, KEMA, Inc., Chalfont, Pennsylvania; and Kenneth Huber, PJM Interconnection, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 373, to amend title 18, United States Code, to include constrictor snakes of the species *Python* genera as an injurious animal, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1214, to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, to improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1421, to amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of carp;

S. 1519, to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland, Louisiana, and other coastal States;

S. 1965, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the State of Louisiana for a pilot program to develop measures to eradicate or control feral swine and to assess and restore wetlands damaged by feral swine;

H.R. 509, to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004;

H.R. 2188, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to conduct a Joint Venture Program to protect, restore, enhance, and manage migratory bird populations, their habitats, and the ecosystems they rely on, through voluntary actions on public and private lands;

H.R. 3433, to amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act;

H.R. 3537, to amend and reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994;

S. 1397, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to award grants for electronic device recycling research, development, and demonstration projects, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1660, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the emissions of formaldehyde from composite wood products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

A proposed resolution relating to Army Corps study for Espanola Valley, Rio Grande and Tributaries, New Mexico; and

A proposed resolution relating to the General Services Administration.

DEFENSE TRADE COOPERATION TREATIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Washington and London on June 21 and 26, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110–07), and Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Sydney, September 5, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110–10), after receiving testimony from Andrew Shapiro, Assistant Secretary of State; and James A. Baker, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Grayling Grant Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, and Elizabeth M. Harman, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NEEDS OF CHILDREN IN DISASTERS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery concluded a hearing to examine children and disasters, focusing on a progress report on addressing needs, after receiving testimony from Craig Fugate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Nicole Lurie, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, RADM, U.S. Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; William Modzeleski, Associate Assistant Deputy Secretary, Office of Safe and Drug-

Free Schools, Department of Education; Paul G. Pastorek, Louisiana State Superintendent of Education, Baton Rouge; Mark K. Shriver, National Commission on Children and Disasters, and Matt Salo, National Governors Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Melissa Reeves, National Association of School Psychologists, Bethesda, Maryland; and Douglas W. Walker, Project Fleur-de-lis, New Orleans, Louisiana.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jacqueline A. Berrien, of New York, Victoria A. Lipnic, of Virginia, and Chai Rachel Feldblum, of Maryland, each to be a Member, and P. David Lopez, of Arizona, to be General Counsel, all of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Patrick Alfred Corvington, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Adele Logan Alexander, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Lynnae M. Ruttledge, of Washington, to be Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Education, and Sara Manzano-Diaz, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 448, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, with amendments; and

The nominations of Rosanna Malouf Peterson, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, William M. Conley, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, Denny Chin, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Paul R. Verkuil, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States, and John Gibbons, to be United States Marshal for the District of Massachusetts, Richard G. Callahan, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, and John Leroy Kammerzell, to be United States Marshal for the District of Colorado, all of the Department of Justice.

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.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Caryn A. Wag-

ner, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis, and Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 4259–4282; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 220; were introduced. **Pages H14742–43**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H14743–44**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 964, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4173) to provide for financial regulatory reform, to protect consumers and investors, to enhance Federal understanding of insurance issues, and to regulate the over-the-counter derivatives markets (H. Rept. 111–370);

In the matter of Marc Goldberg (H. Rept. 111–371); and

H.R. 2843, to provide for the joint appointment of the Architect of the Capitol by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the House of Representatives and Senate, and the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees of Congress with jurisdiction over the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (H. Rept. 111–372, Pt. 1). **Page H14742**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Blumenauer to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H14447**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, December 8th:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should provide increased Federal funding for continued type 1 diabetes research: H. Res. 35, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should provide increased Federal funding for continued type 1 diabetes research; **Page H14461**

Ann Marie Blute Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 4017, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 43 Maple Avenue in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, as the “Ann Marie Blute

Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 419 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 950; and **Page H14480**

Expressing support for the designation of a National Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month to raise awareness of and promote research into this challenging disorder: H. Res. 55, to express support for the designation of a National Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month to raise awareness of and promote research into this challenging disorder. **Page H14496**

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 221 yeas to 202 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 949. **Pages H14450–80**

H. Res. 961, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 221 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 948, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 227 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 947. **Pages H14460–61**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 961 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote. **Pages H14450–51**

Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 962, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 239 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 951, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H14480–87**

Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 4173, to provide for financial regulatory reform, to protect consumers and investors, to enhance Federal understanding of insurance issues, and to regulate the over-the-counter derivatives markets.

Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, December 11th.

Pages H14487–H14738

Agreed to:

Peterson amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–370) that makes sundry changes to the bill;

Pages H14682–H14709

Peterson amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–370) that provides that the CFTC would define the terms “Commercial Risk”, “operating risk”, and “balance sheet risk” for purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act;

Pages H14709–10

Matsui amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–370) that requires any mortgage servicer or lender participating in the Making Home Affordable Program, to report to the Department of Treasury on a monthly basis. The Department shall make such a report available on their website within two weeks of receiving such information for public viewing. The report to Treasury shall include, but not limited to the following, with respect to the Making Home Affordable Plan: (A) the number of loan modification requests received; (B) number of loan modification requests being processed; (C) the number of loan modification requests that have been approved; (D) the number of loan modification requests that have been denied. The amendment gives the Secretary of Treasury authority to publicly release any other relevant data the Secretary deems necessary;

Pages H14721–23

Frank (MA) manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–370), as modified, that makes sundry changes to the bill (by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 953);

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Lynch amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–370) that provides rules toward the equitable governance of clearing houses and swap exchange facilities (by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 202 noes, Roll No. 955);

Pages H14710–12, H14730–31

Murphy (NY) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–370) that replaces the current definition of Major Swap Participant with the definition that was reported out of the House Agriculture Committee (by a recorded vote of 304 ayes to 124 noes, Roll No. 956); and

Pages H14712–14, H14731

Frank (MA) en bloc amendment consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 111–370: Paulsen amendment (No. 11) that clarifies that the non-voting members of the systemic risk council shall not be excluded from participating in any of the Council’s proceedings, meetings, discussions, and deliberations; Burgess amendment (No. 20) that strikes the word “orderliness” from the list of items the Financial Services Oversight Council must advise Congress on how to improve financial regulatory developments; Burgess amendment (No. 21) that indexes to inflation any mitigatory action

imposed by the Financial Services Oversight Council involving the sale, divestiture or transfer of more than \$10 billion in total assets by a financial holding company subject to stricter standards; Burgess amendment (No. 22) that requires the Federal Reserve to define by rule or regulation the term “significantly undercapitalized” at a threshold the Fed determines to be prudent for the effective monitoring, management and oversight of the financial system; Burgess amendment (No. 23) that sets an outer time limit of two years to the amount of time the GAO can use to audit the Federal Reserve; Burgess amendment (No. 24) that removes from the GAO study of the SEC’s “revolving door” the requirement to determine if employees of the SEC who are later employed by financial institutions “have engaged in information sharing”; Dent amendment (No. 27) that states a sense of Congress that mortgage lenders should provide loan applicants with a simplified summary of their loan contracts, including an easy-to-read list of the basic loan terms, payment information, the existence of prepayment penalties or balloon payments, and escrow information; Moore (KS) amendment (No. 28) that specifies only the tax policies, licensing and other regulatory requirements of the home state of the policyholder govern a surplus lines transaction, as well as allows sophisticated commercial entities direct access to the surplus lines market; the amendment also prohibits states from voiding established, contractual arbitration agreements between reinsurers and primary companies; Murphy (NY) amendment (No. 34) that repeals a prohibition on the payment of interest on business checking accounts; and Herseth Sandlin amendment (No. 25) that directs the SEC to take into account the relative risk profile of different classes of funds when it is developing the new registration regime for private funds.

Pages H14734–38

Rejected:

Sessions amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–370) that sought to strike provisions which create a new private right of action against credit rating agencies; the amendment contains enforcement of credit rating agencies to the SEC (current practice) (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 257 noes, Roll No. 954);

Pages H14729–30

Frank (MA) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–370) that sought to create authority for the prudential regulators, the CFTC and the SEC, to set margin in swap and security-based swap transactions involving end users (by a recorded vote of 150 ayes to 280 noes, Roll No. 957);

Pages H14714–16, H14731–32

Stupak amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–370) that sought to require transparency in swaps contracts by requiring all non-cleared swaps

be executed on a registered swap execution facility (by a recorded vote of 98 ayes to 330 noes, Roll No. 958); and

Pages H14716–18, H14732–33

Stupak amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–370) that sought to allow the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission the authority to ban abusive swaps, amends any proposed commercial risk definition to disregard balance sheet risk, and maintains any illegal swap entered into after enactment of this Act will not be valid (by a recorded vote of 150 ayes to 279 noes, Roll No. 959).

Pages H14718–21, H14733

Proceedings Postponed:

Kanjorski amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 111–370) that seeks to strike the provisions exempting public companies with less than \$75 million in market capitalization from the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act related to the external audit of internal controls and

Pages H14723–26

McCarthy (CA) amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 111–370) that seeks to strike section 6012 (relating to “Effect of Rule 436(G)”). The amendment would strike increased liability language that would be a barrier to entry, inhibiting increased competition in the rating agency market.

Pages H14726–28

H. Res. 964, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 952, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H14495–96

United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission—Reappointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he reappointed Mr. Peter T. R. Brookes of Virginia and Mr. Daniel M. Slane of Ohio to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission, effective January 1, 2010.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H14460–61, H14461, H14479–80, H14480, H14487, H14495–96, H14729, H14730, H14730–31, H14731, H14732, H14732–33 and H14733. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on the Smithsonian Institution. Testimony was heard from Mark L. Goldstein, Di-

rector, Physical Infrastructure Team, GAO; and the following officials of the Smithsonian Institution: A. Sprightley Ryan, Inspector General; and G. Wayne Clough, Secretary.

STATUS OF ARMY AND MARINE CORPS RESET REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness, Air and Land Forces, and the Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces continued hearings on Status of Army and Marine Corps Reset Requirements, Part II. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN Peter W. Chiarelli, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Department of the Army; and GEN James F. Amos, USMC, Assistant Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

DRINKING WATER AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS OF COAL COMBUSTION WASTE DISPOSAL

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled “Drinking Water and Public Health Impacts of Coal Combustion Waste Disposal.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. STRATEGY IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Continued hearings on U.S. Strategy in Afghanistan, Part II. Testimony was heard from Karl W. Eikenberry, U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan, Department of State; and GEN Stanley A. McChrystal, Commander, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and Commander, U.S. Forces Afghanistan (USFOR–A), Department of Defense.

MOVING MORE EFFECTIVE IMMIGRATION DETENTION MANAGEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “Moving More Effective Immigration Detention Management.” Testimony was heard from Dora Schiro, Commissioner, Department of Correction, New York City; and public witnesses.

JUDGE PORTEOUS IMPEACHMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Judicial Impeachment continued possible Impeachment of United States District Judge G. Porteous, Jr. Part III. Testimony was heard from Alan Baron, Special Impeachment Counsel, Committee on the Judiciary; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE STATE OF JUDICIAL RECUSALS AFTER CAPERTON V. A. T. MASSEY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on Examining the State of Judicial Recusals after *Caperton v.*

A. T. Massey. Testimony was heard from Judge M. Margaret McKeown, United States Courts of Appeals, Ninth Circuit District, San Diego, California; and public witnesses.

TRIBAL LAW AND ORDER ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 1924, Tribal Law and Order Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representative Sandlin; Tom Perrelli, Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: S. 303, amended, Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 2009; H. Res. 708, amended, Congratulating Nancy Goodman Brinker for receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom; H. Res. 779, Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Runaway Prevention Month; H. Res. 942, Commending the Real Salt Lake soccer club for winning the 2009 Major League Soccer Cup; H. Con. Res. 158, Expressing support for the designation of an Early Detection Month for breast cancer and all forms of cancer; H. Con. Res. 160, amended, Honoring the American Kennel Club on its 125th Anniversary; H.R. 4095, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9727 Antioch Road in Overland Park, Kansas, as the “Congresswoman Jan Meyers Post Office Building;” and H.R. 4139, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7464 Highway 503 in Hickory, Mississippi, as the “Sergeant Matthew L. Ingram Post Office.”

WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 8–3, a structured rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 4173, Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009. The rule provides that there will be no additional general debate. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules and the amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the rule. The rule provides that the amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the Committee report (except as specified in section 4), may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and con-

trolled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the Committee report or amendments en bloc except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Financial Services or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The original proponent of an amendment included in such amendments en bloc may insert a statement in the Congressional Record immediately before the disposition of the amendments en bloc.

The rule provides that the Chair of the Committee of the Whole may recognize for consideration of any amendment printed in the report out of the order printed, but not sooner than 30 minutes after the chair of the Committee on Financial Services or his designee announces from the floor a request to that effect. In the case of sundry amendments reported from the Committee, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House en gros and without division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule also provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Financial Services or his designee. It also provides that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII). The rule provides that during consideration of the bill, the Chair may reduce to two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting. The rule provides that in the engrossment of the bill, the Clerk is authorized to make technical and conforming changes to amendatory instructions.

DECISIONS ON THE FUTURE DIRECTION AND FUNDING FOR NASA

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on Decisions on the Future Direction and Funding for NASA: What Will They Mean for the U.S. Aerospace Workforce and Industrial Base? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**RECOVERY ACT: PROGRESS REPORT FOR
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE
INVESTMENT**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on Recovery Act: Progress Report for Transportation Infrastructure Investment. Testimony was heard from John D. Porcari, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation; Katherine A. Siggerud, Managing Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**CREATING JOBS AFTER THE RECESSION**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the challenge of creating jobs in the aftermath of the recession, after receiving testimony from Joseph E. Stiglitz, Columbia University, New York, New York; and Russell Roberts, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 11, 2009**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Home Foreclosures: Will Voluntary Mortgage Modification Help Families Save Their Homes? Part II, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, joint hearing entitled "Bank of America and Merrill Lynch: How Did a Private Deal Turn Into a Federal Bailout? Part V," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, December 11

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, December 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will be in a period of morning business. Senators should expect two votes on motions to waive with respect to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of H.R. 4173—Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009.

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