

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Met for organizational purposes. Committee adopted an Oversight Plan for the 112th Congress.

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Committee on Financial Services: Met for organizational purposes. Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 112th Congress.

BRIEFING—U.N. URGENT PROBLEMS NEED CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a briefing on the United Nations: Urgent Problems that Need Congressional Action. The Committee was briefed by public witnesses.

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Committee on House Administration: Met for organizational purposes. Committee adopted its rules of procedure and its Oversight Plan for the 112th Congress.

INTERNET CRIME INVESTIGATION DATA RETENTION

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on Data Retention as a Tool for Investigating Internet Child Pornography and Other Internet Crimes. Testimony was heard from Jason M. Weinstein, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IMPROVEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition, and the Internet held a hearing on How an Improved U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Can Create Jobs. Testimony was heard from David Kappos, Under Secretary, Intellectual Property and Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

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Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Met for organizational purposes. The Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 112th Congress.

CUTTING TAX PAYER CAMPAIGN PARTY CONVENTION FINANCING

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 7 to 4, a modified open rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided among and controlled by the chairmen and ranking minority members of the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on House Administration. The rule waives all points

of order against consideration of the bill. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule for a period not to exceed five hours. The bill shall be considered as read. The rule provides that all points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The rule makes in order only those amendments that have been preprinted in the Congressional Record or pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lungren, and Representatives Cole, Brady of Pennsylvania, David E. Price of North Carolina, and Jackson-Lee.

PENDING FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on pending Free Trade Agreements. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee held an additional organizational meeting.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D8)

H.R. 81, to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–348)

H.R. 628, to establish a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–349)

H.R. 1107, to enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, “Public Contracts”. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–350)

H.R. 1746, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the pre-disaster mitigation program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–351)

H.R. 2142, to require quarterly performance assessments of Government programs for purposes of assessing agency performance and improvement, and to establish agency performance improvement officers

and the Performance Improvement Council. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–352)

H.R. 2751, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of the food supply. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–353)

H.R. 4445, to amend Public Law 95–232 to repeal a restriction on treating as Indian country certain lands held in trust for Indian pueblos in New Mexico. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–354)

H.R. 4602, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1332 Sharon Copley Road in Sharon Center, Ohio, as the “Emil Bolas Post Office”. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–355)

H.R. 4748, to amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2006 to require a northern border counternarcotics strategy. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–356)

H.R. 4973, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–357)

H.R. 5116, to invest in innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–358)

H.R. 5133, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 331 1st Street in Carlstadt, New Jersey, as the “Staff Sergeant Frank T. Carvill and Lance Corporal Michael A. Schwarz Post Office Building.” Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–359)

H.R. 5470, to exclude an external power supply for certain security or life safety alarms and surveillance system components from the application of certain energy efficiency standards under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–360)

H.R. 5605, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 47 East Fayette Street in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, as the “George C. Marshall Post Office”. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–361)

H.R. 5606, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 47 South 7th Street in Indiana, Pennsylvania, as the “James M. ‘Jimmy’ Stewart Post Office Building”. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–362)

H.R. 5655, to designate the Little River Branch facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 NE 84th Street in Miami, Florida, as the “Jesse J. McCrary, Jr. Post Office”. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–363)

H.R. 5809, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize and modify provisions relating to the diesel emissions reduction program. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–364)

H.R. 5877, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 655 Centre Street in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, as the “Lance Corporal Alexander Scott Arredondo, United States Marine Corps Post Office Building”. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–365)

H.R. 5901, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to authorize the tax court to appoint employees. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–366)

H.R. 6392, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5003 Westfields Boulevard in Centreville, Virginia, as the “Colonel George Juskalian Post Office Building”. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–367)

H.R. 6400, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 North 6th Street in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Earl Wilson, Jr. Post Office”. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–368)

H.R. 6412, to amend title 28, United States Code, to require the Attorney General to share criminal records with State sentencing commissions. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–369)

H.R. 6510, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Houston, Texas, to the Military Museum of Texas. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–370)

H.R. 6533, to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–371)

S. 118, to amend section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for the elderly. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–372)

S. 841, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to study and establish a motor vehicle safety standard that provides for a means of alerting blind and other pedestrians of motor vehicle operation. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–373)

S. 1481, to amend section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for persons with disabilities. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–374)

S. 3036, to establish the National Alzheimer’s Project. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–375)

S. 3243, to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to administer polygraph examinations to all applicants for law enforcement positions with U.S.

Customs and Border Protection, to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to initiate all periodic background reinvestigations of certain law enforcement personnel. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–376)

S. 3447, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–377)

S. 3481, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Federal responsibility for stormwater pollution. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–378)

S. 3592, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Commerce Drive in Tyrone, Georgia, as the “First Lieutenant Robert Wilson Collins Post Office Building”. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–379)

S. 3874, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reduce lead in drinking water. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–380)

S. 3903, to authorize leases of up to 99 years for lands held in trust for Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–381)

S. 4036, to clarify the National Credit Union Administration authority to make stabilization fund expenditures without borrowing from the Treasury. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–382)

H.R. 6523, Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011. Signed on January 7, 2011. (Public Law 111–383)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: To hold hearings to examine the report and recommendations, including any recommendations for legislative action, issued by the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling, 9:30 a.m., SR–325.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: To hold hearings to examine transportation’s role in supporting the economy and job creation, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on the Judiciary: To hold hearings to examine protecting American taxpayers, focusing on accomplish-

ments and ongoing challenges in the fight against fraud, 10:30 a.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on proposed Department of Defense budget reductions and efficiencies initiatives, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, to meet for organizational purposes, including consideration of the Committee Oversight Plan for the 112th Congress, 9 a.m.; and to hold a hearing on the Fiscal Consequence of the Health Care Law, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on State of the American Workforce, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Views of the Administration on Regulatory Reform,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing to discuss Promoting Economic Recovery and Job Creation: The Road Forward, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to meet for organizational purposes, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following: H.R. 394, Federal Courts Jurisdiction and Venue Clarification Act of 2011; H.R. 398, To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to toll, during active-duty service abroad in the Armed Forces, the periods of time to file a petition and appear for an interview to remove the conditional basis for permanent resident status; H.R. 386, Securing Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2011; H.R. 368, Removal Clarification Act of 2001, and H.R. 347, Federal Restricted Buildings and Grounds Improvement Act of 2011, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing on ICE Worksite Enforcement—Up to the Job? 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on Bailouts and the Foreclosure Crisis: Report of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (“SIGTARP”), 9:30 a.m., 210–HVC.

Committee on Small Business, to meet for organizational purposes, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to meet for organizational purposes, 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to meet for organizational purposes, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on the impact of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.