

Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-6)

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

13 Army nominations in the rank of general.

11 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy, and Public Health Service.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Walter A. Barrows, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2014.

Nannette Jolivette Brown, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Wilma Antoinette Lewis, of the District of Columbia, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands for a term of ten years.

Nancy Torresen, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine.

S. Amanda Marshall, of Oregon, to be United States Attorney for the District of Oregon for the term of four years.

Thomas Gray Walker, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Felicia C. Adams, of Mississippi, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

Clayton D. Johnson, of Oklahoma, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Alfred Cooper Lomax, of Missouri, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Charles F. Salina, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of New York for the term of four years.

David V. Brewer, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2013.

A routine list in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—30)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:45 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1167.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of State and Foreign Operations, after receiving testimony from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State.

### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

### THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN MANUFACTURING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of American manufacturing, focusing on maintaining America's competitive edge, after receiving testimony from Representative Hoyer; and Gary Locke, Secretary of Commerce.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUDGET**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BUDGET**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

**PREVENTING HEALTH CARE FRAUD**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine preventing health care fraud, focusing on new tools and approaches to combat old challenges, after receiving testimony from Peter Budetti, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Daniel R. Levinson, Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

**INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine national security and foreign policy priorities in the fiscal year 2012 International Affairs Budget, after receiving testimony from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State.

**STREAMLINING THE NOMINATIONS PROCESS**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine eliminating bottlenecks, focusing on streamlining the nominations process, after receiving testimony from Clay Johnson III, Commission to Reform the Federal Appointments Process, Austin, Texas; Max Stier, Partnership for Public Service, Washington, D.C.; and Robert Dove, former Parliamentarian of the United States Senate, Falls Church, Virginia.

**MILITARY'S TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine preventing abuse of the Military's Tuition Assistance Program, focusing on the military's oversight of schools receiving Tuition Assistance funds and the extent of military coordination with accrediting agencies and the Department of Education in its oversight activities, after receiving testimony

from Senator Harkin; Robert L. Gordon III, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy; George A. Scott, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; and Kathryn McMurtry Snead, Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges, Atlanta, Georgia.

**IMPROVING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving employment opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities, after receiving testimony from Lynnae Rutledge, Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Education; Sharon Lewis, Commissioner, Administration on Developmental Disabilities, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Joan K. Evans, Wyoming Department of Workforce Services Director, Cheyenne; Randy Lewis, Walgreens, Co., Deerfield, Illinois; David Egan, Booz Allen Hamilton, Vienna, Virginia; and William E. Kiernan, University of Massachusetts Boston Institute for Community Inclusion.

**MISSING CHILDREN**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine helping law enforcement find missing children, after receiving testimony from Kevin L. Perkins, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Patty Wetterling, Jacob Wetterling Resource Center, St. Paul, Minnesota; Ernie Allen, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria, Virginia; James J. Keightly, Keightly and Ashner LLP, Washington, D.C.; and Thea M. Pirnat, Fairfax County Police Criminal Investigations Bureau Child Exploitation Unit, Fairfax, Virginia.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Goodwin Liu, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Kevin Hunter Sharp, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, who was introduced by Senators Alexander and Corker, Roy Bale Dalton, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, who was introduced by Senators Nelson (FL) and Rubio, and Claire C. Cecchi, and Esther Salas, both to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, both introduced by Senators Lautenberg and Menendez, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, focusing on the Independent Budget, after receiving testimony from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary, Robert A. Petzel, Under Secretary for Health, Michael Walcoff, Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, Steve L. Muro, Acting Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Roger W. Baker, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, and W. Todd Grams, Acting Assistant Secretary for Management, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Joseph A. Violante, Disabled American Veterans, Raymond C. Kelley, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Tim Tetz, The American Legion, all of Washington, D.C.; Christina M. Roof, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland; and Maryann D. Hooker, Delaware VA Medical Cen-

ter, Wilmington, on behalf of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO).

## ENDING ELDER ABUSE

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ending elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation, including challenges state Adult Protective Services programs face in identifying, investigating, and resolving elder abuse cases, after receiving testimony from Kay E. Brown, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Kathleen M. Quinn, National Adult Protective Services Association, and Marie-Therese Connolly, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, both of Washington, D.C.; Mark Lachs, New York Presbyterian Health Care System, New York, New York; Bonnie Brandl, National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Late Life, Superior, Colorado; and Mickey Rooney, Los Angeles, California.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 24 public bills, H.R. 867–890; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 136–139 were introduced. **Pages H1523–24**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H1525**

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

H.R. 525, to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance and increase the number of veterinarians trained in veterinary public health (H. Rept. 112–22);

H.R. 528, to require the submission of a report to the Congress on parasitic disease among poor Americans (H. Rept. 112–23); and

H.R. 570, to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance the roles of dentists and allied dental personnel in the Nation's disaster response framework, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–24). **Page H1523**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Yoder to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1457**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:32 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1462**

**Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act of 2011—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 129, the rule providing for consid-

eration of H.R. 4, to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations, by a ye-and-nay vote of 252 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 157, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 156. **Pages H1465–73, H1480–81**

**Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2011:** The House passed H.R. 662, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs, by a recorded vote of 421 ayes to 4 noes, Roll No. 160. **Pages H1473–80, H1482–94**

Rejected the Polis motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 246 noes with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 159. **Pages H1491–93**

Agreed to:

Mica amendment (printed in H. Rept. 112–20) that makes three technical changes to correct drafting errors in the bill (by a ye-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 158). **Pages H1490–91**

H. Res. 128, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of