

256 yeas to 169 nays, Roll No. 155, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

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**Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication:** Read a letter from Chairman Mica wherein he transmitted a copy of a resolution, related to the General Services Administration's FY 2011 Capital Investment and Leasing Program, adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on February 16, 2011. **Pages H1481–82**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation beyond March 6, 2011 of the national emergency with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Rept. 112–12). **Page H1501**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1462.

**Senate Referral:** S. 388 was held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1479, H1480, H1480–81, H1490–91, H1493, H1493–94. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, Department of Agriculture.

### **COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations held a hearing on Patent and Trademark Office FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from David Kappos, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

### **DEFENSE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense, held a hearing on Department of Defense Budget Review. Testimony was heard from Robert Gates, Secretary of Defense; ADM Michael Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Robert Hale, Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller.

### **ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations held a hearing on Department of Energy, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation and Naval Reactors FY 2012 Budget Requests. Testimony was heard from Thomas D'Agostino, Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Anne Harrington, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation; and ADM Kirkland H. Donald, Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors.

### **FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government Appropriations held a hearing on the Election Assistance Commission. Testimony was heard from Curtis Crider, Inspector General, Election Assistance Commission.

### **HOMELAND SECURITY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security Appropriations held a hearing on Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

### **INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations held a hearing on Major Management Challenges at the EPA. Testimony was heard from David C. Trimble, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and Arthur A. Elkins, Jr., Inspector General, EPA.

### **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from GEN James N. Mattis, Commander, Central Command, USMC.

### **FY 2012 BUDGET—ARMY**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the FY 2012 national defense authorization budget request from the Department of the Army. Testimony was

heard from John McHugh, Secretary of the Army; and GEN George W. Casey, Jr., Chief of Staff, USA.

#### STRATEGIC FORCES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on the status of U.S. Strategic Forces. Testimony was heard from Gen. Robert Kehler, Commander, Strategic Command, USAF; James N. Miller, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, DOD; and public witnesses.

#### MEDICAID AND MEDICARE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Waste, Fraud, and Abuse: A Continuing Threat to Medicare and Medicaid.” Testimony was heard from the following Department of Health and Human Services officials: John Spiegel, Director of Medicare Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Gerald T. Roy, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations, Office of the Inspector General; Omar Perez, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Office of Inspector General; and Kathleen King, Director, Health Care Division, GAO.

#### MONETARY POLICY AND THE ECONOMY

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing on monetary policy and the state of the economy. Testimony was heard from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Federal Reserve Board of Governors.

#### SMALL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND SMALL BUSINESSES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “The Effect of Dodd-Frank on Small Financial Institutions and Small Businesses.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### INEFFECTIVE FORECLOSURE MITIGATION

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to End Taxpayer Funding for Ineffective Foreclosure Mitigation Programs.” Testimony was heard from Neil M. Barofsky, Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, Office of the Inspector General; David Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing and Commissioner of the Federal Housing Administration, HUD; Mercedes M. Marquez, Assistant Secretary, Community Planning and Development, HUD; and Katie Jones, Analyst in Housing Policy, CRS, Library of Congress.

#### AL-QAEDA IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing en-

titled “Terrorist Threat to the U.S. Homeland—Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP).” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### COMMITTEE FUNDING

*Committee on House Administration:* Continued a hearing on Committee Funding for the 112th Congress.

#### FY 2012 BUDGET—FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICES; AND THE OFFICE OF INSULAR AFFAIRS

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs held an oversight hearing on the Department of the Interior spending for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Office of Insular Affairs and the President’s Fiscal Year 2012 budget request for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Office of Insular Affairs. Testimony was heard from Togiola Tulafono, Governor of American Samoa; Tom Bussanich, Director, Budget and Grants Management Division, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; and Rowan Gold, Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

#### BUREAU OF RECLAMATION AND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY’S WATER RESOURCES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on examining the spending, priorities and the missions of the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Geological Survey’s Water Resources program. Testimony was heard from the following Department of the Interior officials: Mike L. Connor, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; and William Werkheiser, Associate Director for Water, Geological Services.

#### LEAVING IRAQ

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense, and Foreign Operations held a hearing on U.S. Military Leaving Iraq: Is the State Department Ready? Testimony was heard from Patrick Kennedy, Under Secretary for Management, Department of States; Alexander Vershbow, Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs, DOD; Frank Kendall, Principal Under Secretary of Defense Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, DOD; Stuart Bowen, Jr. Inspector General, Iraq Reconstruction; and the following Commission on Wartime Contracting officials: Grant Green, Commissioner; and Michael Thibault, Co-Chair.

#### LOOMING CRISIS AT USPS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service

and Labor Policy held a hearing on Pushing the Envelope: The Looming Crisis at USPS. Testimony was heard from Patrick Donahoe, Postmaster General and CEO, Postal Services; Ruth Goldway, Postal Regulatory Commission; Phil Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### FY 2012 BUDGET—NASA

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Held a hearing on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator, NASA.

#### FY 2012 BUDGET—SMALL BUSINESS

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on the Small Business Administration FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Karen Mills, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

#### FY 2012 BUDGET—EPA

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Review of the FY 2012 Budget and Priorities of the Environmental Protection Agency: Impacts on Jobs, Liberty, and the Economy. Testimony was heard from Nancy Stoner, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; and Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2011

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the implementation of Title VII of the “Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act”, 2:30 p.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and the Office of Compliance, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Martin E. Dempsey, USA for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of

Staff, United States Army, Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the USDA Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine navigating a turbulent global economy, focusing on implications for the United States, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 193, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act, S. 49, to amend the Federal anti-trust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads, S. 222, to limit investor and homeowner losses in foreclosures, and the nominations of Caitlin Joan Halligan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Mae A. D’Agostino, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, Jimmie V. Reyna, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, John A. Kronstadt, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Vincent L. Briccetti, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Arenda L. Wright Allen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Michael Francis Urbanski, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, and Timothy J. Feighery, of New York, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine exploring minority access to capital and contracting opportunities, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

#### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations, on NASA FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations, oversight hearing on FY 2012 Budget Oversight, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies Appropriations, oversight of the State Department and foreign operations programs, 1 p.m., HT-2, the Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on the FY 2012 national defense authorization budget requests from the U.S. Central Command and the U.S. Special Operations Command, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Are We Ready? An Independent Look at the Required Readiness Posture of U.S. Forces, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.