

## FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION 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 Federal Highway Administration, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation.

## PRESIDENT'S 2011 TRADE AGENDA

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's 2011 trade agenda, after receiving testimony from Ron Kirk, United States Trade Representative.

## WASTE AND FRAUD IN MEDICARE AND MEDICAID

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine new tools for curbing waste and fraud in Medicare and Medicaid, 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; Greg Andres, Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Kathleen M. King, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and Helen Carson, Delaware Health and Social Services, Wilmington.

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, with amendments.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 28 public bills, H.R. 964–991; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 28–29; and H. Res. 155–159 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

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

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**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 326 ayes to 91 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 167.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:04 a.m. for the purpose of receiving The Honorable Julia Gillard, Prime Minister of Australia. The House reconvened at 12:03 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record.

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**Joint Meeting To Receive The Honorable Julia Gillard, Prime Minister of Australia:** The House and Senate met in a joint session to receive The

Honorable Julia Gillard, Prime Minister of Australia. She was escorted into the Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Cantor, McCarthy (CA), Hensarling, Dreier, Ros-Lehtinen, McKeon, Camp, Brady (TX), Manzullo, Pelosi, Hoyer, Clyburn, Larson (CT), Becerra, Berman, Faleomavaega, Lowey and Crowley; and Senators Reid, Durbin, Kerry, Boxer, McConnell, Alexander, Barrasso, and Lugar.

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**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 155, electing a Member to a Standing Committee of the House of Representatives.

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**Emergency Mortgage Relief Program Termination Act—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 151, the rule that provides for consideration of H.R. 836, to rescind the unobligated funding for the Emergency Mortgage Relief Program and to terminate the program, by voice vote after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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**FHA Refinance Program Termination Act—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 150, the rule that provides for consideration of H.R. 830, to rescind the unobligated funding for the FHA Refinance Program and to terminate the program, by

a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 166, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 165.

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**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces and their families.

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**Joint Economic Committee—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Joint Economic Committee: Representatives Hinchey, Maloney, Loretta Sanchez, and Cummings.

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**Speaker Pro Tempore Designation:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representatives Lewis (CA), Thornberry, Upton, Harris, and Wolf to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through the remainder of the One Hundred Twelfth Congress.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1623.

**Senate Referral:** S. 23 was held at the desk.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1666–68.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1640, H1641, H1641–42. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### REDUCING REGULATORY BURDENS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee, held a mark-up on H.R. 872, The Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2011, and adopted an amendment in the nature of a substitute. The committee ordered the bill reported, as amended, favorably.

### INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Park Service FY 2012 Budget Oversight. Testimony was heard from the following National Park Service officials: Jonathan Jarvis, Director; C. Bruce Sheaffer, Comptroller; and Margaret O'Dell, Deputy Director of Operations, National Park Service.

### DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on FY 2012 Navy/Marine Corps Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from Raymond Mabus, Secretary of the Navy; ADM Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. James Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Army Corps of Engineers FY 2012 Budget Requests. Testimony was heard from Jo Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; and Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, Chief of Engineers.

### HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on FY 2012 Oversight and Budget Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Alan Bersin, Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection.

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Oversight of Veterans Programs. Testimony was heard from Richard Griffin, Deputy Inspector General, Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General.

### STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request for the Department of the Treasury International Programs. Testimony was heard from Timothy Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

### ARMY MODERNIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Army modernization. Testimony was heard from GEN Peter W. Chiarelli, Vice Chief of Staff, USA; LTG Robert P. Lennox, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army; LTG General William N. Phillips, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology); J. Michael Gilmore, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Michael J. Sullivan, Director of Acquisition and Sourcing, GAO; and William Graveline, Assistant Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management Team, GAO.