

of the Labor Department, as released monthly, identifies that the unemployment rate for the United States is equal to 7.5% or less. **Pages H1746–47**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H1751**

H. Res. 151, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, March 9th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, March 14th, when it shall convene at noon for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:02 p.m. and reconvened at 3:37 p.m. **Pages H1766–67**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1747–48, H1750, H1750–51. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security held a hearing on FY 2012 Oversight and Budget. Testimony was heard from ADM Robert Papp, Commandant, United States Coast Guard.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Forest Service FY12 Budget Oversight Hearing. Testimony was heard from Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Margaret A. Hamburg, M.D., Commissioner, FDA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Members and Outside Witness Hearing. Testimony was heard from Rep. Cicilline; Rep. Farr; Rep. Richardson; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on FY 2012 Oversight & Budget Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from John Morton, Assistant Secretary, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

LABOR, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Status of Health Reform Implementation. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Library of Congress FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Government Accountability Office FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General.

EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on counter proliferation strategy and the fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget request for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and chemical biological defense program. Testimony was heard from Kenneth B. Handelman, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Strategic Affairs; Andrew Weber, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs; Kenneth A. Myers, III, Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency; and Brigadier General Jess A. Scarbrough, USA, Joint Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

FEDERAL OVERREACH INTO ACADEMICS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training held a hearing on Education Regulations: Federal Overreach into Academic Affairs. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Tighe, Inspector General, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

FY 2012 BUDGET—EPA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power and the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a joint hearing entitled “The FY 2012 EPA Budget”. Testimony was

heard from Kenneth B. Handelman, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Strategic Affairs; Andrew Weber, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs; Kenneth A. Myers, III, Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency; and BG Jess A. Scarbrough, Joint Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, USA.

COVERED BOND MARKET

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets & Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Create a Covered Bond Market in the United States”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Reform the National Flood Insurance Program”. Testimony was heard from Craig Fugate, Administrator, FEMA; Orice Williams Brown, Managing Director, GAO; and public witnesses.

LAWSUIT ABUSE REDUCTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on a bill regarding lawsuit abuse reduction. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSPARENCY THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform held a hearing entitled “Transparency Through Technology: Evaluating Federal Open-Government Initiatives.” Testimony was heard from Danny Harris, Chief Information Officer, Department of Education; Chris Smith, Chief Information Officer, Department of Agriculture; Danny Werfel, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; and public witnesses.

DEBT OWED TO THE GOVERNMENT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency & Financial Management hearing entitled “Red to Black: Improving the Collection of Delinquent Debt Owed to the Government.” Testimony was heard from David Lebryk, Commissioner of Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury.

FY 2012 BUDGET—NSF AND NIST

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2012 Budg-

et Proposals at the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Testimony was heard from Subra Suresh, Director, National Science Foundation; Ray Bowen, Chairman, National Science Board; and Patrick Gallagher, Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, and Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology.

PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE

Committee on Transportation: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Finding Ways to Encourage and Increase Private Sector Participation in Passenger Rail Service. Testimony was heard from Joseph Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Stephen Gardner, Vice President of Policy and Development, Amtrak; and public witnesses.

CAREGIVER ASSISTANCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Implementation of Caregiver Assistance: Are we getting it right? Testimony was heard from Robert A. Petzel, M.D., Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

DATA MATCHING AND GOVERNMENT BENEFITS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the use of data matching to improve the administration of government benefit programs. Testimony was heard from Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., Inspector General, Social Security Administration.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 14 through March 19, 2011

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 4:30 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of James Emanuel Boasberg, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and after a period of debate, vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m., to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S.493, SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.