

**Additional Continuing Appropriations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 12 noon, on Thursday, March 17, 2011, Senate begin consideration of H.J. Res. 48, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011; that there be up to three hours of debate, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the joint resolution be read a third time and Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; that there be no amendments in order to the joint resolution prior to the vote. **Page S1767**

**Jackson Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following disposition of H.J. Res. 48, Additional Continuing Appropriations, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Amy Berman Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, that there be two minutes for debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that upon use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S1768**

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

- 5 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.
- 2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S1767–68, S1769–70**

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

- Mary Geiger Lewis, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina.
- Jane Margaret Triche-Milazzo, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.
- 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
- 5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Army. **Page S1769**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Pages S1709, S1750**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—43) **Pages S1715, S1716, S1746**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2011. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1769.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of the Navy, after receiving testimony from Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Gary Roughead, USN, Chief, Naval Operations, and General James F. Amos, USMC, Commandant, Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, and Barbara J. Bennett, Chief Financial Officer, both of the Environmental Protection Agency.

### NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE ON IRAN

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee received a closed briefing on the updated National Intelligence Estimate on Iran and other related matters from Andrew M. Gibb, National Intelligence Office for Weapons of Mass Destruction and Proliferation, National Intelligence Council.

### MODERNIZING GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Task Force on Government Performance to examine modernizing government performance, focusing on using the new framework, and providing opportunities to help address fiscal, performance, and management challenges, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; John D. Podesta, The Center for

American Progress Action Fund, Washington, D.C.; and Robert Shea, Grant Thornton LLP, Alexandria, Virginia.

#### STATE OF ONLINE CONSUMER PRIVACY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of online consumer privacy, after receiving testimony from Jon Leibowitz, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration; Erich Andersen, Microsoft Corporation, Barbara Lawler, Intuit Inc., Christopher R. Calabrese, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and Ashkan Soltani, all of Washington, D.C.; and John Montgomery, GroupM Interaction, New York, New York.

#### NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE BP DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL AND OFFSHORE DRILLING REPORT

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the report to the President from the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling, after receiving testimony from former Senator Bob Graham, and William Reilly, both a Co-Chair, National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling.

#### HEALTH REFORM LESSONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine health reform, focusing on lessons learned during the first year, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services; and Paul N. Van De Water, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, both of Washington, D.C.

#### LIBYA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee received a closed briefing on Libya from Intelligence Community Briefers.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Joseph M. Torsella, of Pennsylvania, to be Representative to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, Department of State, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### AFGHANISTAN PROGRESS AND EXPECTATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee received a closed briefing on Afghanistan, focusing on progress and expectations from General David H. Petraeus, Commander, International Security Assistance Force, Afghanistan, and Michele A. Flournoy, Under Secretary for Policy, both of the Department of Defense.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Heather A. Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, and Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kelvin K. Droegemeier, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, and Jonathan Andrew Hatfield, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 112th Congress:

*Subcommittee on Children and Families:* Senators Mikulski (Chair), Murray, Sanders, Casey, Hagan, Merkley, Franken, Bennet, Blumenthal, Burr, Alexander, Isakson, Paul, McCain, Roberts, and Kirk.

*Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety:* Senators Murray (Chair), Bingaman, Franken, Bennet, Whitehouse, Blumenthal, Isakson, Alexander, Hatch, and Kirk.

*Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging:* Senators Sanders (Chair), Mikulski, Bingaman, Casey, Hagan, Merkley, Whitehouse, Paul, Burr, Isakson, Hatch, and Murkowski.

*Senators Harkin and Enzi are ex officio members of each subcommittee.*

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Bernice Bouie Donald, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Alexander, J. Paul Oetken, and Paul A. Engelmayer, both to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Ramona Villagomez Manglona, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, who was introduced by Representative Sablan, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentations from AMVETS, Jewish War Veterans, Military Officers Association of America, Gold Star Wives, Blinded Veterans Association, Non Commissioned Officers Association, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Fleet Reserve Association, after receiving testimony from Roy Kekahuna, Blinded Veterans Association (BVA), Tom Tarantino, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), and Stephen R. Zeitz, Jewish War Veterans of the USA, all of Washington, D.C.; John R. Davis, Fleet Reserve Association (FRA), Robert F. Norton, Military Officers Association of America, and H. Gene Overstreet, Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States

of America (NCOA), all of Alexandria, Virginia; Vivianne Cisneros Wersel, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; and Jerry Hotop, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

## SECURITIES LENDING

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine securities lending in retirement plans, focusing on issues involving securities lending in plan investments, after receiving testimony from Charles A. Jeszeck, Acting Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Anthony Nazzaro, A.A. Nazzaro Associates, Yardley, Pennsylvania; Ed Blount, Center for the Study of Financial Market Evolution, Washington, D.C.; Allison R. Klausner, Honeywell International Inc., Morristown, New Jersey; and Steven R. Meier, State Street Global Advisors, Boston, Massachusetts.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 35 public bills, H.R. 1109–1143; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 173, 175, were introduced. **Pages H1904–06**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1907–08**

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

Supplemental report on H.R. 658, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–29, Pt. 2) and

H. Res. 174, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1076) to prohibit Federal funding of National Public Radio and the use of Federal funds to acquire radio content (H. Rept. 112–35). **Page H1904**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ellmers to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1845**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:36 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1848**

**Order of Business:** Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider H. Con. Res. 28 in the House, if called up by the chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or her designee; that the concurrent resolution be considered as read;

that the previous question be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution to final adoption without intervening motion except (1) one hour of debate controlled by Representative Kucinich or his designee; and (2) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs; and that section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546) not apply to the concurrent resolution.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 17th. **Page H1860**

**NSP Termination Act:** The House passed H.R. 861, to rescind the third round of funding for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and to terminate the program, by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 188. **Pages H1860–96**

Rejected the Braley motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 153 ayes to 272 noes, Roll No. 187. **Pages H1893–95**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H1873**