

million to the Secretary of Transportation for the National Infrastructure Investments program; and

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Clarke (MI) amendment (No. 37 printed in the Congressional Record of June 24, 2011) that sought to require the Secretary of Defense to transfer \$2 billion to the Secretary of Homeland Security for the State Homeland Security Grant Program.

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**Proceedings Postponed:**

Lee amendment that seeks to reduce funding for title IX, Overseas Contingency Operations, by \$33,000,124,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account;

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Garamendi amendment that seeks to reduce funding for title IX, Overseas Contingency Operations, by \$20,887,651,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account;

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Nadler amendment that seeks to redirect \$15 million with respect to Operation and Maintenance, Army;

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Poe amendment that seeks to reduce funding for Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide by \$1 billion and apply the savings to the spending reduction account;

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Lee amendment that seeks to eliminate the Overseas Contingency Operations Transfer Fund and apply the savings to the spending reduction account;

**Pages H4655–56**

Cohen amendment (No. 41 printed in the Congressional Record of June 24, 2011) that seeks to reduce funding for the Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund by \$200 million and apply the savings to the spending reduction account;

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Cicilline amendment that seeks to eliminate the Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund and apply the savings to the spending reduction account;

**Pages H4657–58**

Cohen amendment that seeks to reduce funding for the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund by \$4 billion and apply the savings to the spending reduction account;

**Pages H4659–60**

Poe amendment that seeks to reduce funding for the Pakistan Counterinsurgency Fund by \$1 billion and apply the savings to the spending reduction account;

**Pages H4662–66**

McCullum amendment that seeks to reduce by \$124,800,000 the total amount of appropriations made available by this Act; and

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McCullum amendment that seeks to limit funds to pay motorsport drivers, racing teams, or racing cars or otherwise conduct recruiting outreach through motor sports to \$20 million.

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H. Res. 320, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on June 23rd.

**Suspension:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

**Belarus Democracy Reauthorization Act of 2011:** H.R. 515, amended, to reauthorize the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004.

**Pages H4632–38**

**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

**Reaffirming the United States' commitment to a negotiated settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict:** H. Res. 268, to reaffirm the United States' commitment to a negotiated settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through direct Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

**Pages H4625–32**

**Discharge Petition:** Representative Critz presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 310, providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 639) to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to clarify that countervailing duties may be imposed to address subsidies relating to a fundamentally undervalued currency of any foreign country (Discharge Petition No. 1).

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4594.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4674–76.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4638, H4639, H4639–40, H4640–41, H4641, H4641–42, H4642–43. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SPECTRUM USE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Federal Government Spectrum Use.” Testimony was heard from Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information and Administrator, National Telecommunication and Information Administration.

### MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2354, making appropriations for energy and

water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes. The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. Under the Rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Rep. Frelinghuysen; and Rep. Visclosky.

#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION'S \$500 MILLION FLEECING OF AMERICA

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled "The Securities and Exchange Commission's \$500 Million Fleecing of America: Part Two." Testimony was heard from Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission; and H. David Kotz, Inspector General, Securities and Exchange Commission.

### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2011

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to consider proposed legislation implementing the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement, the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement, the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement, and the associated proposed Statements of Administrative Action, 9 a.m., SD-215.

##### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry, hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of Conservation Programs, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Nutrition and Horticulture, hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of Specialty Crop Programs, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, markup of the FY

2012 Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill, 9 a.m., B308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, markup of the FY 2012 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Bill, 10:15 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, markup of the FY 2012 Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, 11:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on the Budget,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Budgeting for America's National Security," 10 a.m., 210 Cannon. Prior to the hearing the committee will meet to mark up the Committee Activity Report.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Rushing Union Elections: Protecting the Interests of Big Labor at the Expense of Workers' Free Choice." 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "PDUFA V: Medical Innovation, Jobs, and Patients." 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Views of the Independent Agencies on Regulatory Reform." 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing entitled "Mortgage Servicing: An Examination of the Role of Federal Regulators in Settlement Negotiations and the Future of Mortgage Servicing Standards." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing on Time To Pause the Reset? Defending U.S. Interests in the Face of Russian Aggression, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Non-proliferation, and Trade, joint hearing on Assessing the Consequences of the Failed State of Somalia, 12:30 p.m., 2112 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Massacre at Camp Ashraf: Implications for U.S. Policy, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management, hearing entitled "Homeland Security Investigations: Examining DHS's Efforts To Protect American Jobs and Secure the Homeland." 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled "Hezbollah in Latin America—Implications for U.S. Homeland Security." 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 966, the "Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2011"; H.R. 1439, the "Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2011"; H.R. 527, the "Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2011"; and H.R. 1932, the "Keep Our Communities Safe Act of 2011." 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Cybersecurity: Assessing the Nation's Ability To Address the Growing Cyber Threat." 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules,* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1309, the "Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2011." 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing entitled “Hitting the Ethanol Blend Wall: Examining the Science on E15.” 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade, hearing entitled “Regulatory Injury: How USDA’s Proposed GIPSA Rule Hurts America’s Small Businesses.” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Economic Recovery, hearing on the following: H.R. 1911, the “Protecting Veterans’ Homes Act;” H.R. 240, to amend title 38, United States Code, to promote jobs for veterans through the use of sole source contracts by Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of meeting the contracting goals and preferences of the Department of Veterans Affairs for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans; H.R. 1263, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide surviving spouses with certain protections relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures; H.R. 120, the “Disabled Veterans’ Surviving Spouses Home Loans Act;” H.R. 2274, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress annual reports on the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 2301, the “Streamlining Education Claims Processing Act of 2011;” H.R. 2302, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to notify Congress of conferences sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 2345, to amend title 38, United

States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc.; and H.R. 2329, the “Ensuring a Response for Servicemembers Act.” 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on the following: H.R. 923, the “Veterans Pensions Protection Act of 2011;” H.R. 1025, to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law; H.R. 1826, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reinstate criminal penalties for persons charging veterans unauthorized fees; H.R. 1898, the “Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act;” and H.R. 2349, the “Veterans’ Benefits Training Improvement Act of 2011.” 1:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, hearing on legislation regarding the following: the “United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act”, the “United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act”, and the “United States-South Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.” 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Full Committee, hearing on Afghanistan/Pakistan Update, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.