

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 2677–2693; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 67 and H. Res. 377–381 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5734**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 382, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 112–185).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:47 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 2584, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. Consideration of the measure began on July 25th.

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Rejected:

Blackburn amendment that was debated on July 27th that sought to reduce funding for State and Tribal Assistance Grants by \$30 million and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 114 ayes to 314 noes, Roll No. 664);

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Richardson amendment that was debated on July 27th that sought to increase funding, by offset, for State and Tribal Assistance Grants by \$5 million (by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 665);

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Lankford amendment that was debated on July 27th that sought to amend language relating to Clean Water State Revolving Fund capitalization grants and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund capitalization grants (by a recorded vote of 161 ayes to 263 noes, Roll No. 666);

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Gosar amendment that was debated on July 27th that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Fund by \$10 million (by a recorded vote of 130 ayes to 295 noes, Roll No. 667);

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Lankford amendment that was debated on July 27th that sought to eliminate funding for the Council on Environmental Quality and apply the savings

to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 668);

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Broun (GA) amendment (No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2011) that was debated on July 27th that sought to reduce funding for Smithsonian Institution, Salaries and Expenses by \$55,624,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 110 ayes to 317 noes, Roll No. 669); and

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Walberg amendment that was debated on July 27th that sought to reduce funding for the National Endowment for the Arts by \$10,600,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 240 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 670).

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H. Res. 363, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on July 25th.

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 377, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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Faster FOIA Act of 2011: The House began consideration of S. 627, amended, to establish the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–184, modified by the amendments printed in part B of that report, shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 375, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 663, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Charles ‘Chip’ Lawrence Chan Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2548, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6310 North University Street in Peoria, Illinois, as the “Charles ‘Chip’ Lawrence Chan Post Office Building” and

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Cecil L. Heftel Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2149, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4354 Pahoehoe Avenue in Honolulu, Hawaii, as the “Cecil L. Heftel Post Office Building”.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Corporal Steven Blaine Riccione Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 2244, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 67 Castle Street in Geneva, New York, as the “Corporal Steven Blaine Riccione Post Office”; **Pages H5722–23**

Sergeant Jason W. Vaughn Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 2213, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Eastport Street in Iuka, Mississippi, as the “Sergeant Jason W. Vaughn Post Office”; **Pages H5723–24**

Sergeant Matthew J. Fenton Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 789, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Main Street in Little Ferry, New Jersey, as the “Sergeant Matthew J. Fenton Post Office”; **Pages H5724–25**

First Lieutenant Oliver Goodall Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 1975, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 281 East Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena, California, as the “First Lieutenant Oliver Goodall Post Office Building”; **Pages H5725–26**

John Pangelinan Gerber Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 1843, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 489 Army Drive in Barrigada, Guam, as the “John Pangelinan Gerber Post Office Building”; and **Pages H5726–27**

Matthew A. Pucino Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 2062, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45 Meetinghouse Lane in Sagamore Beach, Massachusetts, as the “Matthew A. Pucino Post Office”. **Pages H5727–28**

Recess: The House recessed at 6:50 p.m. and reconvened at 11:54 p.m. **Page H5729**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on July 26th:

Instructing the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to study the impact of insured depository institution failures: H.R. 2056, amended, to instruct the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to study the impact of insured depository institution failures. **Page H5729**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the actions of certain persons to undermine the sovereignty of Lebanon or its democratic processes and institutions is to continue in effect beyond August 1, 2011—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 112–47). **Page H5678**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5663, H5670.

Senate Referrals: S. 1188 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and S. Con. Res. 26 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H5729**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5687–88, H5688–89, H5689, H5689–90, H5690–91, H5691, H5691–92, H5692–93. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINATION OF USDA RESEARCH PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of USDA Research Programs. The following Department of Agriculture officials: Edward B. Knipling, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, Chavonda Jacobs-Young, Acting Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Cynthia Clark, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service; and Laurian Unnevehr, Acting Administrator, Economic Research Service.

DOD’S PLANS FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT AND ACHIEVING AUDIT READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Panel on Defense Financial Management and Auditability Reform held a meeting to receive testimony on DOD’s plans for financial management improvement and achieving audit readiness. Testimony was heard from Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense; Elizabeth A. McGrath, Deputy Chief Management Officer, Department of Defense; and Asif A. Khan, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 2405, the “Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 1254, the “Synthetic Drug Control Act”; and H.R. 1852, the “Children’s Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act.” The following were ordered reported as amended: H.R. 1254; and H.R. 2405. The following was ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 1852.