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NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Adalberto Jose Jordan, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Nelson (FL) and Rubio, John M. Gerrard, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, who was introduced by Senators Nelson (NE) and Johanns, Mary Elizabeth Phillips, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, who was introduced by

Senator McCaskill, Thomas Owen Rice, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, who was introduced by Senator Klobuchar, and David Nuffer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, who was introduced by Senators Hatch and Lee, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 2967–2980; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 403–404, 407–408 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 405, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2608) to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–212) and

H. Res. 406, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2401) to require analyses of the cumulative and incremental impacts of certain rules and actions of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–213). **Page H6271**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harris to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6239**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H6241**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Wasserman Schultz, wherein she resigned from the Committee on the Judiciary. **Pages H6242–43**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:25 p.m. and reconvened at 3:33 p.m. **Page H6246**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:48 p.m. and reconvened at 3:54 p.m. **Page H6249**

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

United States Parole Commission Extension Act of 2011: H.R. 2944, to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 712;

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Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2011: H.R. 2189, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 398 yeas to 18 nays, Roll No. 713;

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Veterans Health Care Facilities Capital Improvement Act of 2011: H.R. 2646, amended, to authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects and leases, to extend certain expiring provisions of law, and to modify certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 412 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 714;

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Combating Autism Reauthorization Act of 2011: H.R. 2005, to reauthorize the Combating Autism Act of 2006; and

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Children’s Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2011: H.R. 1852, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children’s hospitals.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:27 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H6255**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H6243.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6255–56, H6256–57 and H6257. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CHALLENGES TO DOING BUSINESS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Panel on Business Challenges with the Defense Industry held a hearing on challenges to doing business with the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began markup of the following: H.R. 2250, the “EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011”; H.R. 2681, the “Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2937, the “Pipeline Infrastructure and Community Protection Act of 2011.” This markup will continue on September 21, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN NORTH KOREA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled “Human Rights in North Korea: Challenges and Opportunities.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROPOSED MERGER BETWEEN EXPRESS SCRIPTS AND MEDCO

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The Proposed Merger between Express Scripts and Medco.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSPARENCY IN REGULATORY ANALYSIS OF IMPACTS ON THE NATION (TRAIN) ACT OF 2011

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2401, the “Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation (TRAIN) Act of 2011.” The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing two hours of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be consid-

ered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Testimony was heard from Rep. Whitfield; Rep. Rush; Rep. Hastings of Florida; and Rep. Richardson.

BUSINESS PROGRAM EXTENSION AND REFORM ACT OF 2011 (CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012)

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2608, the “Small Business Program Extension and Reform Act of 2011” (Continuing Appropriations Act). The Committee granted, by record vote of 7 to 2, a resolution providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2608. The rule makes in order a motion by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations that the House concur in the Senate amendment with the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. Finally, the rule provides that H. Res. 399 is laid on the table.

Joint Meetings

DEBT LIMIT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the debt limit, after receiving testimony from Allan H. Meltzer, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Chris Edwards, Cato Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Laurence Ball, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.