

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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, and Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, 3 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine a recently released report by the National Park Service, focusing on “A Call to Action Preparing for a Second Century of Stewardship and Engagement”, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 97, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to support the restoration of San Francisco Bay, S. 893, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the State of Louisiana for a pilot program to develop measures to eradicate or control feral swine and to assess and restore wetlands damaged by feral swine, S. 1400, to restore the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of Gulf Coast States, to create jobs and revive the economic health of communities adversely affected by the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon, the nomination of Kenneth J. Kopocis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and proposed resolutions relating to the General Services Administration, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine dually-eligible beneficiaries, focusing on improving care while lowering costs, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert A. Mandell, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, Thomas Charles Krajewski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Dan W. Mozena, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, and Michael A. Hammer, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to resume consideration of S. 1546, to authorize certain programs of the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine transforming wartime contracting, focusing on recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Contracting, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine countering terrorist financing, focusing on progress and priorities, 11 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine Google, focusing on consumers and competition, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion, 10 a.m., SDG-50.

House

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Army Reserve, Army National Guard and Air National Guard readiness, training and operations, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Broken Budget Process: Perspectives from Former CBO Directors.” 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “Education Reforms: Ensuring the Education System Is Accountable to Parents and Communities.” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee, continue 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.” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals To Facilitate Small Business Capital Formation and Job Creation.” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled “The Impact of the World Bank and Multi-Lateral Development Banks on National Security.” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 2699, to establish policies and procedures in the Peace Corps to provide for the safety and security of volunteers from rape and sexual assault, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2337, to amend the Peace Corps Act to require sexual assault risk-reduction and response training, the development of sexual assault protocol and guidelines, the establishment of victims advocates, the establishment of a Sexual Assault Advisory Council, and for other purposes. 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “China’s Monopoly on Rare Earths: Implications for U.S. Foreign and Security Policy.” 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee, markup of the following: H. Res. 255, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that effective sharing of passenger information from inbound international flight manifests is a crucial component of our national security and that the Department of Homeland Security must maintain the information sharing standards required under the 2007 Passenger Name Record Agreement between the United States and the European Union; H.R. 915, the “Jaime Zapata Border Enforcement Security Task Force Act”; H.R. 1165, the “Transportation Security Administration Ombudsman Act of 2011”; H.R. 1299, the “Secure Border Act of 2011”; H.R. 1447, the