

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 28 public bills, H.R. 12, 2981–3007 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 409, 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. 112–214).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Judith Wright, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Northborough, Massachusetts.

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

*Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to award the Congressional Gold Medal:* S. Con. Res. 28, to authorize the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service, United States Army, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 717;

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*Christopher S. Bond United States Courthouse Designation Act:* S. 846, to designate the United States courthouse located at 80 Lafayette Street in Jefferson City, Missouri, as the Christopher S. Bond United States Courthouse, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 2 nays with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 718;

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*Short-Term TANF Extension Act:* H.R. 2943, to extend the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families and related programs through December 31, 2011; and

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*Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act:* H.R. 2883, amended, to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend the child and family services program through

fiscal year 2016, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 25 nays, Roll No. 720.

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**Small Business Program Extension and Reform Act of 2011:** The House failed to concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment to 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 195 yeas to 230 nays, Roll No. 719.

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H. Res. 405, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 716, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 715.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 7:35 p.m. and reconvened at 7:58 p.m.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism is to continue in effect beyond September 23, 2011—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–57).

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6316, H6313–14, H6314, H6315, H6328 and H6329. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### ARMY RESERVE, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD READINESS, TRAINING AND OPERATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Army Reserve, Army National Guard and Air National Guard readiness, training and operations. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Jasck C. Stultz, USA, Chief, U.S. Army Reserve; Major General Raymond W. Carpenter, USA, Acting Director, Army National Guard; and Lieutenant General Harry M. Wyatt, USAF, Director, Air National Guard.

### **BROKEN BUDGET PROCESS: PERSPECTIVES FROM FORMER CBO DIRECTORS**

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Broken Budget Process: Perspectives from Former CBO Directors.” Testimony was heard from the following former Congressional Budget Office Directors: Alice M. Rivlin, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution; and Rudolph G. Penner, Institute Fellow, Urban Institute.

### **ENSURING THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IS ACCOUNTABLE TO PARENTS AND COMMUNITIES**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Education Reforms: Ensuring the Education System is Accountable to Parents and Communities.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee continued 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.” The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2250; H.R. 2681; and H.R. 2937.

### **LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO FACILITATE SMALL BUSINESS CAPITAL FORMATION AND JOB CREATION**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Facilitate Small Business Capital Formation and Job Creation.” Testimony was heard from Meredith Cross, Director, Division of Corporation Finance, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; and public witnesses.

### **IMPACT OF THE WORLD BANK AND MULTI-LATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS ON NATIONAL SECURITY**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “The Impact of the World Bank and Multi-Lateral Development Banks on National Security.” Testimony was heard from Marisa Lago, Assistant Secretary for International Markets and Development, Department of the Treasury; and Rear Admiral Michelle Howard, Chief of Staff to the Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, J5, the Joint Staff.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a 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. Both bills were ordered reported, as amended.

### **CHINA’S MONOPOLY ON RARE EARTHS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “China’s Monopoly on Rare Earths: Implications for U.S. Foreign and Security Policy.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a 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 “Aviation Security Stakeholder Participation Act of 2011”; and H.R. 1801, the “Risk-Based Security Screening for Members of The Armed Forces Act”. The following were ordered reported without amendment: H. Res. 255; and H.R. 1447. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 915; H.R. 1165; H.R. 1299; and H.R. 1801.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee continued markup of the following: H.R. 2885, the “Legal Workforce Act”; H.R. 2847, the “American Specialty Agriculture Act”; and H.J. Res. 70. H.R. 2192 was ordered reported without amendment. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2855; and H.J. Res. 70, to grant the consent of Congress to an amendment to the compact between the States of Missouri and Illinois providing that bonds issued by the Bi-State Development Agency may mature in not to exceed 40 years.

**ANWR**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “ANWR: Jobs, Energy and Deficit Reduction.” Testimony was heard from Sean Parnell, Governor, Alaska; Sen. Murkowski; Sen. Begich; Rep. Young of Alaska; Renton Rexford, Council Member, City of Kaktovik, Alaska; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform held a markup of H.R. 373, the “Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2011.” The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

**ABUSES OF MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY RULES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives held a hearing entitled “Examining Abuses of Medicaid Eligibility Rules.” Testimony was heard from Janice Eulau, Assistant Administrator, Medicaid Services Division, Suffolk County Department of Social Services; Julie Hamos, Director, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy held a markup of H.R. 2309, the “Postal Reform Act.” The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

**WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(A) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES**

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by record vote of 8 to 3, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolution reported through the legislative day of September 30, 2011, relating to a measure making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012.

**NEXT IT REVOLUTION**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing entitled “The Next IT Revolution? Cloud Computing Opportunities and Challenges.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**NETWORKING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Program and Priorities for the Future.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**ELIMINATING JOB-SAPPING FEDERAL RULES THROUGH RETROSPECTIVE REVIEWS**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Eliminating Job-Sapping Federal Rules through Retrospective Reviews—Oversight of the President’s Efforts.” Testimony was heard from Cass Sunstein, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

**NATION’S INLAND WATERWAYS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “The Economic Importance and Financial Challenges of Recapitalizing the Nation’s Inland Waterways Transportation System.” Testimony was heard from Jo Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army—Civil Works, United States Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

**ANALYZE AND SCORE TAX REFORM LEGISLATION**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing to review and examine the variety of economic models used by the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) to analyze and score tax reform legislation. Testimony was heard from Thomas Barthold, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; and public witnesses.

**EXPIRING MEDICARE PROVIDER PAYMENT PROVISIONS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing to examine certain expiring Medicare provider payment provisions. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

***Joint Meetings*****MANUFACTURING IN THE USA**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine manufacturing in the United States of America, focusing on how United States trade policy offshores jobs, after receiving testimony from Arvind Subramanian, Peterson Institute for

International Economics and Center for Global Development, Philip I. Levy, American Enterprise Institute, and Greg Slater, Intel Corporation, all of Washington, D.C.; and Richard W. Bloomingdale, Pennsylvania American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), Harrisburg.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the United States strategy in Afghanistan and Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alan B. Krueger, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Executive Office of the President, David A. Montoya, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Cyrus Amir-Mokri, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine the European debt and financial crisis, focusing on origins, options and implications for the United States and global economy, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine improving educational outcomes for our military and veterans, 1:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the "Tribal Law and Order Act" one year later, focusing on improved public safety and justice throughout Indian country, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 1151, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, S. 1408, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing sensitive personally identifiable information, to disclose any breach of such information, S. 1535, to protect consumers by mitigating the vulnerability of personally identifiable information to theft through a security breach, providing notice and remedies to consumers in the wake of such a breach, holding companies accountable for preventable breaches, facilitating the sharing of post-breach technical information between companies, and enhancing criminal and civil penalties and other protections against the unauthorized collection or use of personally identifiable information, H.R. 2480, to amend title 5, United States

Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States for fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014, and the nominations of Evan Jonathan Wallach, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Dana L. Christensen, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana, Cathy Ann Bencivengo, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Gina Marie Groh, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, Margo Kitsy Brodie, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and David B. Barlow, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine protecting seniors and persons with disabilities, focusing on an examination of court-appointed guardians, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Irvin Charles McCullough III, of Maryland, to be Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

### House

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee, hearing on Afghan national security forces, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Panel on Defense Financial Management and Auditability Reform, hearing on the Department of Defense's efforts to improve payment and funds control, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Future of U.S. Special Operations Forces: Ten Years After 9/11 and Twenty-Five Years After Goldwater-Nichols, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn. This is a closed hearing.

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Broken Budget Process: Perspectives from Budget Experts." 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "Culture of Union Favoritism: Recent Actions of the National Labor Relations Board." 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Regulatory Reform Series #7—The EPA's Regulatory Planning, Analysis, and Major Actions." 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "An Examination of the Availability of Credit for Consumers." 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Financial Services and the Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, joint hearing entitled "Potential Conflicts of Interest at the SEC: The Becker Case." 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.