

Reid Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 962, to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 963 (to the instructions) Amendment No. 962), of a perfecting nature.

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Reid Amendment No. 964 (to Amendment No. 963), of a perfecting nature.

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Department of Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, November 17, 2011, Senate begin consideration of S. 1867, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:51 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7630.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine a progress report on management and structural reforms at the Securities and Exchange Commission, after receiving testimony from Robert Khuzami, Director, Division of Enforcement, Meredith Cross, Director, Division of Corporation Finance, Robert Cook, Director, Division of Trading and Markets, Carlo di Florio, Director, Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations, Eileen Rominger, Director, Division of Investment Management, and Craig Lewis, Chief Economist and Director, Division of Risk, Strategy, and

Financial Innovation, all of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

IMPROVING REGULATORY PERFORMANCE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving regulatory performance, focusing on lessons from the United Kingdom, after receiving testimony from Graham Turnock, and Johannes Wolff, both of the United Kingdom's Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, both of the United Kingdom; Michael Greenstone, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; and Jitinder Kohli, Center for American Progress Action Fund, Washington, D.C.

CONTINUED INNOVATION IN FORECASTING AND PREDICTION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine the need for continued innovation in forecasting and prediction, focusing on how Federal efforts to provide information could help government decision making, after receiving testimony from Mary Glackin, Deputy Under Secretary for Operations, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, both of the Department of Commerce; David Trimble, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Rear Admiral Cari B. Thomas, Director, Response Policy, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Tom Iseman, Western Governors' Association, Denver, Colorado; Peter P. Neilley, The Weather Channel Companies, Andover, Massachusetts; and Robert S. Marshall, Earth Networks, Inc., Germantown, Maryland.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine government contractors, focusing on agency programs that need greater attention, and improved governmentwide oversight, after receiving testimony from Daniel I. Gordon, Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget; William T. Woods, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; David M. Sims, Chair, Interagency Suspension and Debarment Committee; Allison C. Lerner, Inspector General, National Science Foundation; and Steven A. Shaw, Deputy General Counsel for Contractor Responsibility, Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kathryn

Keneally, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, and Brian C. Wimes, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and

Western Districts of Missouri, who was introduced by Senator McCaskill, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3433–3450; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 88; and H. Res. 468–469 were introduced. **Pages H7713–14**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7714–15**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2405, to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act relating to public health preparedness and countermeasure development, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–286);

H.R. 2937, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for enhanced safety and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, to provide for enhanced reliability in the transportation of the Nation's energy products by pipeline, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–287 Pt. 1);

H.R. 585, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for the establishment and approval of small business concern size standards by the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration (H. Rept. 112–288);

H.R. 527, to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–289 Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 467, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2112) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–290); and

H.R. 527, to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–289 Pt. 2). **Pages H7712–13**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Marchant to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7629**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7637**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:43 p.m. and reconvened at 1:03 p.m. **Page H7643**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and concur in the following measure:

3% Withholding Repeal and Job Creation Act: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 674, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the imposition of 3 percent withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities and to modify the calculation of modified adjusted gross income for purposes of determining eligibility for certain healthcare-related programs (by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 853). **Pages H7643–61, H7690–91**

National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011: The House passed H.R. 822, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State, by a recorded vote of 272 yeas to 154 noes, Roll No. 852. **Pages H7661–90**

Rejected the Cicilline motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 161 yeas to 263 noes, Roll No. 851. **Pages H7687–89**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H7670**

Agreed to:

Reichert amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 112–283) that requires a GAO study on the ability of State and local law enforcement authorities to verify the validity of out-of-State concealed firearms permits. **Pages H7681–82**