

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

Designating room HVC 215 of the Capitol Visitor Center as the “Gabriel Zimmerman Meeting Room”: H. Res. 364, to designate room HVC 215 of the Capitol Visitor Center as the “Gabriel Zimmerman Meeting Room”. **Pages H7943–49**

Terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions and terminating the Election Assistance Commission; Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2011; and Regulatory Accountability Act of 2011—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 477, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 3463, to reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions and by terminating the Election Assistance Commission; 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 H.R. 3010, to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents, by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 871, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 184 noes, Roll No. 870.

Pages H7949–57, H7986–87

Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act: The House passed H.R. 3094, to amend the National Labor Relations Act with respect to representation hearings and the timing of elections of labor organizations under that Act, by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 869. **Pages H7957–86**

Rejected the Sutton motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report the same to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 868. **Pages H7984–85**

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

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Rejected the Moore motion that the Committee rise and report the bill to the House with the recommendation that the enacting clause be stricken by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 863. **Pages H7979–81**

Rejected:

Bishop (NY) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–291) that sought to give the Board au-

thority to impose sanctions on a party for presenting a frivolous or vexatious filing during pre-election proceedings (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 864); **Pages H7973–74, H7981**

Boswell amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–291) that sought to prevent employers that have paid any executive compensation bonuses in excess of 10,000 percent of the annual compensation of the average employee from engaging in open-ended litigation. Such parties are required to state their issues or positions at the outset of pre-election hearings, and prohibited from raising new, frivolous issues as a dilatory tactic (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 865);

Pages H7974–76, H7981–82

Walz amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–291) that sought to prevent this Act from applying to businesses that have been cited for violating labor laws in the past year against employees who are veterans of the Armed Forces (by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 866); and

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Jackson Lee amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–291) that sought to strike a section of the bill to ensure that employers would not be able to unnecessarily delay an election (by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 867).

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H. Res. 470, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on November 18th.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7980–81, H7981, H7981–82, H7982–83, H7983, H7985, H7985–86, H7986–87, H7987. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

KEEPING COLLEGE WITHIN REACH

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training held a hearing entitled “Keeping College within Reach: Discussing Ways Institutions Can Streamline Costs and Reduce Tuition.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee continued markup of the following: H.R. 1633, the “Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011”; and H.R. 1173, the “Fiscal Responsibility and Retirement Security Act of 2011”. Both bills were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee markup of the following: H.R. 2682, the “Business Risk Mitigation and Price Stabilization Act of 2011”; H.R. 2779, to exempt inter-affiliate swaps from certain regulatory requirements put in place by the Dodd-Frank Wall; H.R. 2586, the “Swap Execution Facility Clarification Act”; and H.R. 3512, to amend the Abraham Lincoln Commemorative Coin Act to adjust how surcharges are distributed. The following were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 2682 and H.R. 3512. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2586 and H.R. 2779.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a markup of H. Res. 376, calling for the repatriation of POW/MIAs and abductees from the Korean War. The resolution was forwarded, as amended.

REPUBLIC OF PALAU

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Compact of Free Association with the Republic of Palau: Assessing the 15-year Review.” Testimony was heard from James L. Loi, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Thomas Bussanich, Director of Budget, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Brigadier General Richard L. Simcock, II, Principal Director, South and Southeast Asia, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense; Department of Defense; and David B. Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office.

PRESERVING PROGRESS IN IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing entitled “Preserving Progress in Iraq, Part III: Iraq’s Police Development Program.” Testimony was heard from Brooke Darby, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, Department of State; Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Inspector General, Office of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction; and Glenn D. Furbish, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, Office of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction.

BOKO HARAM—EMERGING THREAT TO THE U.S. HOMELAND

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “Boko Haram—Emerging Threat to the U.S. Homeland.” Testimony was heard from Lauren Ploch, Africa Analyst, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE FUNDS OF THE 112TH CONGRESS

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Review of the Use of Committee Funds of the 112th Congress.” Testimony was heard from Chairman Lucas; Rep. Peterson; Chairman McKeon; Rep. Smith of Washington; Chairman Ryan of Wisconsin; Rep. Van Hollen; Chairman Kline; Rep. George Miller of California; Chairman Upton; Rep. Waxman; Chairman Bonner; Rep. Linda T. Sánchez of California; Chairman Bachus; Rep. Frank of Arizona; Chairman Ros-Lehtinen; Rep. Berman; Chairman King of New York; Rep. Thompson of Mississippi; Chairman Smith of Texas; Rep. Conyers; Chairman Hastings of Washington; Rep. Markey; Chairman Issa; Rep. Cummings; Chairman Dreier, Rep. Slaughter; Chairman Hall; Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas; Chairman Graves; Rep. Velázquez; Chairman Mica; Rep. Rahall; Chairman Miller of Florida; Rep. Filner; Chairman Camp; Rep. Levin; Chairman Rogers of Michigan; and Rep. Ruppertsberger.

SALES TAXES E-COMMERCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Constitutional Limitations on States’ Authority to Collect Sales Taxes in E-Commerce.” Testimony was heard from John Otto, Texas House of Representatives; and public witnesses.

SECURE COMMUNITIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement held a hearing entitled “Is Secure Communities Keeping Our Communities Secure?” Testimony was heard from Gary Mead, Executive Associate Director, Enforcement and Removal Operations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

DOT’S PROPOSED BILLION DOLLAR SERVICE RULE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending held a hearing entitled “The Price of Uncertainty: How Much Could DOT’s Proposed Billion Dollar Service Rule Cost Consumers this Holiday Season?” Testimony was heard from Anne S. Ferro, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

DRUG SHORTAGE CRISIS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia,

Census and the National Archives held a hearing entitled “Drug Shortage Crisis: Lives are in the Balance.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STIMULUS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Stimulus Oversight: An Update on Accountability, Transparency, and Performance.” Testimony was heard from Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, Government Accountability Office; Michael Wood, Executive Director, Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board; Gregory Friedman, Inspector General, Department of Energy; Todd Zinser, Inspector General, Department of Commerce; Allison Lerner, Inspector General, National Science Foundation; and Gail Robinson, Deputy Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

FOSTERING QUALITY SCIENCE AT EPA

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled “Fostering Quality Science at EPA: Perspectives on Common Sense Reform.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Disaster Assistance: Is SBA Meeting the Recovery Needs of Disaster Victims?” Testimony was heard from James Rivera, Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration; and William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

MISSOURI RIVER FLOOD

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “The Missouri River Flood: An Assessment of River Management in 2011 and Operational Plans for the Future.” Testimony was heard from Rep. Noem; Rep. Hartzler; Rep. Luetkemeyer; Rep. King of Iowa; Rep. Cleaver; Rep. Berg; Rep. Fortenberry; Rep. Jenkins; Rep. Latham; Brigadier General John McMahon, Commander and Division Engineer, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Northwestern Division; Brad Lawrence, Director of Public Works, City of Fort Pierre, South Dakota; Kathy Kunkel, County Clerk Holt County, Missouri; and public witnesses.

SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Eco-

nomics held a joint hearing on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Certification Process. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Leney, Executive Director, Small and Veteran Business Programs, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Veterans Affairs; Gregory D. Kutz, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; and Ralph O. White, Managing Associate General Counsel for Procurement Law, Office of General Counsel, Government Accountability Office.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1268)

H.R. 3321, to facilitate the hosting in the United States of the 34th America's Cup by authorizing certain eligible vessels to participate in activities related to the competition. Signed on November 29, 2011. (Public Law 112–61)

S. 1637, to clarify appeal time limits in civil actions to which United States officers or employees are parties. Signed on November 29, 2011. (Public Law 112–62)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine continuing oversight of the “Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act”, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine spurring job growth through capital formation while protecting investors, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine United States strategic objectives towards Iran, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the financial and societal costs of medicating America's foster children, 10:30 a.m., SD–342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine insider trading and congressional accountability, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.