

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 3605–3629, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 443, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–318 Pt. 1);

H.R. 1466, to resolve the status of certain persons legally residing in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands under the immigration laws of the United States (H. Rept. 112–319 Pt. 1);

H.R. 1740, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–320);

H.R. 2719, to ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for educational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and other purposes (H. Rept. 112–321);

H.R. 3069, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon and other nonlisted species, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–322); and

H.R. 2829, to promote transparency, accountability, and reform within the United Nations system, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–323).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller (MI) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 312 ayes to 94 noes with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 905.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, December 7th:

Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2011: H.R. 1254, amended, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to place synthetic drugs in Schedule I, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 317 ayes to 98 noes, Roll No. 904.

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Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011: The House passed H.R. 1633, to establish a temporary prohibition against revising any national ambient air quality standard applicable to coarse particulate matter and to limit Federal regulation of nuisance dust in areas in which such dust is regulated under State, tribal, or local law, by a recorded vote of 268 ayes to 150 noes, Roll No. 912.

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Rejected the DeGette motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 166 ayes to 252 noes, Roll No. 911.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce 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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Agreed to:

Crawford amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–317) that directs the Environmental Protection Agency Administrator to consult with the Secretary of Agriculture when modifying National Ambient Air Quality Standards with respect to "nuisance dust" under exceptions provided in Sec. 132(b) of the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011;

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Flake amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–317) that adds sense of Congress language regarding an approach to excluding so-called "exceptional events" (like massive dust storms that are not controllable or preventable) from determinations of whether an area is in compliance with the coarse particulate matter standard; and

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Schock amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–317) that requires the EPA to take agriculture jobs and the economic impact on the agriculture industry into account before they issue any new regulations relating to agriculture. If a proposed regulation is found to cause the loss of more than 100 agriculturally related jobs or a decrease in more than \$1,000,000 in agriculturally related economic activity then EPA has to give notice to the State's Congressional Delegation, Governor, and Legislature, and also hold a public hearing in the impacted State.

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Rejected:

Rush amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–317) that sought to clarify that nothing in the bill precludes the EPA Administrator from enforcing National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)