

Senate Referrals: S. 1710 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; S. 1959 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and S. 1874 was held at the desk. **Page H9944**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea-and-Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TO EXTEND THE PAYROLL TAX HOLIDAY, UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT, PROVIDE FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING ANY FINAL MEASURE TO EXTEND THE PAYROLL TAX HOLIDAY, EXTEND FEDERALLY FUNDED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS, OR PREVENT DECREASES IN REIMBURSEMENT FOR PHYSICIANS TO PROVIDE CARE TO MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3630, to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes; and H. Res. 501, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding any final measure to extend the payroll tax holiday, extend Federally funded unemployment insurance benefits, or prevent decreases in reimbursement for physicians to provide care to Medicare beneficiaries. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8 to 4, a rule making in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means or his designee that the House disagree to the Senate amendments to H.R. 3630 and request a conference with the Senate thereon without question of consideration. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion and provides that the Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and

ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Section 2 provides a closed rule for H. Res. 501 without question of consideration. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the resolution. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Section 3 of the rule provides that during consideration of a motion to instruct conferees pending their appointment to a conference on H.R. 3630, the previous question shall be considered as ordered to its adoption without intervening motion except one hour of debate under clause 7(b) of rule XXII. Such motion shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to any question of consideration.

Section 4 of the rule provides that during consideration of a motion specified in section 1 or 3 of this resolution, the Chair may—(a) notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, postpone further consideration of the motion to such time as may be designated by the Speaker as though under clause 1(c) of rule XIX; and (b) postpone the question of adoption of the motion as though under clause 8 of rule XX.

Section 5 of the rule provides that the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported through the legislative day of January 17, 2012.

Finally, Section 6 of the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the calendar day of January 15, 2012, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1(c) of rule XV.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.