

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 74 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. EX. 1), John M. Gerrard, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska. **Pages S16–27, S49**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert E. Bacharach, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

William J. Kayatta, Jr., of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

Michael A. Shipp, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

36 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—1) **Page S27**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:56 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S48.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 3797–3810 and 1 resolution, H. Res. 521 were introduced. **Pages H113–14**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H115–16**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1173, to repeal the CLASS program (H. Rept. 112–342 Pt. 2);

H.R. 2606, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–373); and

H.R. 3117, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–374). **Page H113**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H83**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H85**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:14 p.m. and reconvened at 4:01 p.m. **Page H87**

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

Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2011: H.R. 3117, amended, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 373 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 5 and

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Rota Cultural and Natural Resources Study Act: H.R. 1141, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 278 yeas to 100 nays, Roll No. 6. **Pages H87–88, H91–92**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:16 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m. **Page H90**

Announcement by the Chair: The Speaker addressed the House on matters of decorum. **Pages H90–91**

Notice of Intent to Offer Motion: Representative Capps announced her intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3630. **Page H92**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H90 and H91. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DOING BUSINESS WITH DOD

Committee on Armed Services: Panel on Business Challenges within the Defense Industry held a hearing on Doing Business with DOD: Getting Innovative Solutions from Concept to the Hands of the Warfighter. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGALLY BINDING BUDGET ACT OF 2011

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3575, the “Legally Binding Budget Act of 2011.” The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1364)

H.J.Res. 94, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012. Signed on December 16, 2011. (Public Law 112–67)

H.J.Res. 95, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012. Signed on December 17, 2011. (Public Law 112–68)

S. 535, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument. Signed on December 19, 2011. (Public Law 112–69)

S. 683, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Mantua, Utah. Signed on December 19, 2011. (Public Law 112–70)

S.J.Res. 22, 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. Signed on December 19, 2011. (Public Law 112–71)

H.R. 470, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam. Signed on December 20, 2011. (Public Law 112–72)

H.R. 2061, to authorize the presentation of a United States flag on behalf of Federal civilian employees who die of injuries in connection with their employment. Signed on December 20, 2011. (Public Law 112–73)

H.R. 2055, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. Signed on December 23, 2011. (Public Law 112–74)

H.R. 2867, to reauthorize the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998. Signed on December 23, 2011. (Public Law 112–75)

H.R. 3421, to award Congressional Gold Medals in honor of the men and women who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001. Signed on December 23, 2011. (Public Law 112–76)

H.R. 3672, making appropriations for disaster relief requirements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. Signed on December 23, 2011. (Public Law 112–77)

H.R. 3765, to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline. Signed on December 23, 2011. (Public Law 112–78)

S. 278, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado. Signed on December 23, 2011. (Public Law 112–79)

S. 384, to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research. Signed on December 23, 2011. (Public Law 112–80)

H.R. 1540, 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. Signed on December 31, 2011. (Public Law 112–81)

H.R. 515, to reauthorize the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004. Signed on January 3, 2012. (Public Law 112–82)

H.R. 789, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Main Street in Little Ferry, New Jersey, as the “Sergeant Matthew J. Fenton Post Office”. Signed on January 3, 2012. (Public Law 112–83)

H.R. 1059, to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports. Signed on January 3, 2012. (Public Law 112–84)

H.R. 1264, to designate the property between the United States Federal Courthouse and the Ed Jones Building located at 109 South Highland Avenue in Jackson, Tennessee, as the “M.D. Anderson Plaza” and to authorize the placement of a historical identification marker on the grounds recognizing the