

Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine Federal retirement processing, focusing on ensuring proper and timely payments, after receiving testimony from John Berry, Director, and Patrick E. McFarland, Inspector General, both of the Office of Personnel Management; Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Information Management and Technology Resources Issues, Government Accountability Office; Joseph A. Beaudoin, National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and George Nesterzczuk, Nesterzczuk and Associates, Vienna, Virginia.

HIGH-GROWTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine developing and strengthening high-growth entrepreneurship, after receiving testimony from Sean Greene, Associate Administrator for Investment, Small Business Administration; Wayne Crews, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, Stephen Ezell, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, Jim Kessler, Third Way,

Madeleine Sumption, Migration Policy Institute, and Diane Tomb, National Association of Women Business Owners, all of Washington, D.C.; Barry Evans, Calxeda, Austin, Texas; Ridgely C. Evers, Tapit Partners LLC, Healdsburg, California; Mike Farmer, Leap2, Kansas City, Kansas; Michael A. Finney, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Lansing; Brink Lindsey, and Jonathan Ortman, both of the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Kansas City, Missouri; and Tim Rowe, Cambridge Innovation Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

UNITED STATES-CARIBBEAN SECURITY COOPERATION

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine the United States-Caribbean Security Cooperation, after receiving testimony from Anibal de Castro, Ambassador of the Dominican Republic to the United States, Audrey P. Marks, Ambassador of Jamaica to the United States, and Cornelius Smith, Ambassador of the Bahamas to the United States, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3859–3879; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 532, 535, were introduced. **Pages H373–74**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H375–76**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 658, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–381);

H. Res. 533, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 658) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–382);

H. Res. 534, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3578) to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to reform the budget baseline, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3582) to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for macroeconomic analysis of the impact of legislation (H. Rept. 112–383); and

H.R. 1734, to decrease the deficit by realigning, consolidating, selling, disposing, and improving the efficiency of federal buildings and other civilian real property, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–384, Pt. 1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Cravaack to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H223**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:36 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H227**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Karen Hallett, United States Army, New Windsor, New York. **Page H227**

Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced

the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Representatives Shimkus and Womack. **Page H227**

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

Extending the pay limitation for Members of Congress and Federal employees: H.R. 3835, to extend the pay limitation for Members of Congress and Federal employees, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 309 yeas to 117 nays, Roll No. 19; **Pages H304–12, H354–55**

Adjusting the amount provided for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Twelfth Congress: H. Res. 496, to adjust the amount provided for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Twelfth Congress; and **Pages H312–14**

Welfare Integrity Now for Children and Families Act: H.R. 3567, amended, to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to require States to implement policies to prevent assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program from being used in strip clubs, casinos, and liquor stores, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 27 nays, Roll No. 20. **Pages H315–22, H355–56**

Authorizing the printing of the 25th edition of the pocket version of the United States Constitution: The House agreed to discharge and agree to H. Con. Res. 90, authorizing the printing of the 25th edition of the pocket version of the United States Constitution. **Page H314**

Unanimous Consent Request: Representative Lungren asked unanimous consent that the "Standards for the Electronic Posting of House and Committee Documents and Data", which were adopted by the Committee on House Administration on December 16, 2011, be printed in the Congressional Record. Agreed to without objection. **Pages H314–15, H370**

Fiscal Responsibility and Retirement Security Act of 2011: The House passed H.R. 1173, to repeal the CLASS program, by a recorded vote of 267 yeas to 159 noes, Roll No. 18. **Pages H322–54**

Rejected the Garamendi 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 175 yeas to 247 noes, Roll No. 17.

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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. **Page H333**

Rejected:

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of January 31, 2012) that sought to add a new section requiring a study on the impact of not having long-term care insurance on the Federal, State and local governments (by a recorded vote of 161 yeas to 263 noes, Roll No. 13);

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Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of January 31, 2012) that sought to add a new section ensuring market penetration for private long-term care insurance (by a recorded vote of 157 yeas to 264 noes, Roll No. 14);

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Deutch amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of January 31, 2012) that sought to add a new section preventing an increase in Medicaid spending (by a recorded vote of 164 yeas to 260 noes, Roll No. 15); and **Pages H337, H350–51**

Deutch amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of January 31, 2012) that sought to add a new section regarding CLASS program flexibility (by a recorded vote of 160 yeas to 264 noes, Roll No. 16). **Pages H337–39, H351–52**

H. Res. 522, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, January 31st.

Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House debated the Michaud motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3630. Further proceedings were postponed.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Walz presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committees on Financial Services, Agriculture, House Administration, the Judiciary, Ethics, and Rules from the consideration of H.R. 1148, to prohibit commodities and securities trading based on nonpublic information relating to Congress, to require additional reporting by Members and employees of Congress of securities transactions, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 3).

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H349–50, H350, H351, H351–52, H353–54, H354, H354–55, and H355–56. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOB FRONTENAC, AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on the use of Afghan nationals to provide security to U.S. forces in light of attack on U.S. personnel at FOB Frontenac, Afghanistan in March