

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1925, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, with amendments; and

The nominations of Paul J. Watford, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Dennis J. Erby, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Mississippi, and Anuj Chang Desai, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, both of the Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 3880–3893; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 536, were introduced. **Pages H439–40**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H440–41**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 3521, to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for a legislative line-item veto to expedite consideration of rescissions, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–364 Pt. 2). **Page H439**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Poe to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H377**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:07 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H384**

Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Michaud motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3630 by a yea-and-nay vote of 184 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 23. The motion was debated yesterday, February 1st. **Pages H395–96**

Pro-Growth Budgeting Act of 2012: The House passed H.R. 3582, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for macroeconomic analysis of the impact of legislation, by a recorded vote of 242 yeas to 179 noes, Roll No. 30. **Pages H396–H419**

Rejected the Boswell motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 183 yeas to 237 noes, Roll No. 29. **Pages H417–18**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules Committee Print 112–10 dated January 25, 2012 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a sub-

stitute recommended by the Committee on the Budget now printed in the bill. **Page H404**

Agreed to:

Walz amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–383) that includes interest rates among the major economic variables to be estimated in the macroeconomic economic impact analysis. **Pages H406–07**

Rejected:

Peters amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–383) that sought to add a findings section addressing the macroeconomic impact of the tax cuts of 2001 and 2003 (by a recorded vote of 174 yeas to 244 noes, Roll No. 24); **Pages H405–06, H413–14**

Connolly (VA) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–383) that sought to extend the requirement for the Congressional Budget Office to prepare macroeconomic analysis of major legislation to bills or resolutions reported by the Appropriations Committees of each Chamber (by a recorded vote of 177 yeas to 237 noes, Roll No. 25); **Pages H406, H414**

Fudge amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–383) that sought to add income equality among the variables used to determine the economic impact of the bill (by a recorded vote of 171 yeas to 243 noes, Roll No. 26); **Pages H407–08, H415**

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–383) that sought to require CBO to include as part of their macroeconomic analysis estimates of the potential impact, if any, on HUB ZONE areas as defined by the Small Business Act (by a recorded vote of 173 yeas to 243 noes, Roll No. 27); and **Pages H408–10, H415–16**

Cicilline amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–383) that sought to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to require that, in addition to preparing cost estimates for each bill or resolution reported by any committee of the House, the Congressional Budget Office also prepare an estimate of the number of jobs which would be created,

sustained, or lost in carrying out the measure—including regional and State level estimates (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 28).

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Withdrawn:

Quigley amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–383) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required the CBO to establish a website where taxpayers could enter their annual income and receive an estimate of the amount of their projected contribution to or receipt from any applicable major bill or resolution over the next 10 years, assuming the taxpayer has constant annual income and

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Flake amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–383) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have lowered the threshold for requiring a dynamic score from .25% of the current GDP to \$5 billion.

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H. Res. 534, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3578) and (H.R. 3582), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 22, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 21.

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Baseline Reform Act of 2012: The House began consideration of H.R. 3578, to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to reform the budget baseline. Further proceedings were postponed.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules Committee Print 112–9 dated January 25, 2012 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Budget now printed in the bill.

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H. Res. 534, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3578) and (H.R. 3582), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 22, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 21.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H387.

Senate Referral: S. 1296 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H394–95, H395, H395–96, H413–14, H414, H415, H415–16, H416, H418, and H418–19. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STATE OF THE U.S. ECONOMY

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The State of the U.S. Economy”. Testimony was heard from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

CHALLENGES FACING PBGC AND DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Labor and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Examining the Challenges Facing PBGC and Defined Benefit Pension Plans”. Testimony was heard from Joshua Gotbaum, Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; and public witnesses.

COLLAPSE OF MF GLOBAL

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Collapse of MF Global: Part 2”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IRAN’S AGENDA IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ahmadinejad’s Tour of Tyrants and Iran’s Agenda in the Western Hemisphere”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

POST-ELECTION DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Toward Post-Election Democratic Republic of Congo”. Testimony was heard from Donald Y. Yamamoto, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Daniel B. Baer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State; and Sarah E. Mendelson, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development.

CONTINGENT FEES AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN STATE AG ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL LAW

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing entitled “Contingent Fees and Conflicts of Interest in State AG Enforcement of Federal Law”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.