

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, “The Highway Investment, Job Creation and Economic Growth Act of 2012”.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Larry Leon Palmer, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Phyllis Marie Powers, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, Jonathan Don Farrar, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, and Julissa Reynoso, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, who was introduced by Senator Gillibrand, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answer questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to India, Department of State, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine accessible technology, focusing on challenges and opportunities, after receiving testimony from Eve Hill, Senior Counselor to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, Department of Justice; Mark A. Riccobono, National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute, Baltimore, Maryland; John Quick, Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation, Columbus, Indiana; and Mark Turner, California State University Center for Accessible Media, Long Beach.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 63 public bills, H.R. 3911–3973 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 540, providing for consideration of the bill (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 (H. Rept. 112–389).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:24 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Rabbi Jeffrey Astrachan, Temple Beth Israel, York, Pennsylvania.

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Civilian Property Realignment Act: The House passed H.R. 1734, to decrease the deficit by realigning, consolidating, selling, disposing, and improving the efficiency of federal buildings and other civilian real property, by a recorded vote of 259 ayes to 164 noes, Roll No. 38. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, February 6th. **Pages H529–30, H531–33**

Rejected the Michaud motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 37.

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Rejected:

Connolly (VA) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–385) that was debated on February 6th that sought to protect the ability of Federal agencies to work with local governments to preserve appropriate excess Federal property as open space, eliminating Federal maintenance expenses while preserving public benefits (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 36).

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H. Res. 537, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday.

Oath of Office—First Congressional District of Oregon: Representative-elect Suzanne Bonamici presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter from Mr. Steve Trout, Director of Elections, Office of the Secretary of State, State of Oregon, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held January 31, 2012, the Honorable Suzanne Bonamici was elected Representative to Congress for the First Congressional District, State of Oregon. **Page H566**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from Oregon, Ms. Bonamici, the whole number of the House is 434. **Page H531**

Budget and Accounting Transparency Act of 2012: The House passed H.R. 3581, to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to increase transparency in Federal budgeting, by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 42. **Pages H523–29, H533–49**

Rejected the Walz (MN) 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 yea-and-nay vote of 190 yeas to 238 nays, Roll No. 41. **Pages H547–48**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules Committee Print 112–13 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 substitute recommended by the Committee on the Budget now printed in the bill. **Page H542**

Rejected:

Tonko amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–388) that sought to establish a Commission of budgeting and accounting experts to provide recommendations to Congress regarding the best measure to accurately account for the costs of Federal credit programs. Would have allowed the Commission to delay and or supersede the provisions of the bill (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 40). **Pages H545–47**

Withdrawn:

Dold amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–388) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required the OMB Director to prepare all budgets submitted to the President according to both accrual-basis and cash-basis GAAP accounting standards. **Pages H544–45**

H. Res. 539, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of

239 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 39, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Notice of Intent to Offer Motion: Representative Bishop (NY) announced his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3630. **Page H549**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, February 6th:

New York City Natural Gas Supply Enhancement Act: H.R. 2606, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area. **Page H549**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H519 and H530.

Senate Referral: S. 1794 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H529–30, H532–33, H533, H534, H546, H547–48 and H548. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the FY 2013 budget request of the Library of Congress, Government Accountability Office, Government Printing Office, and Congressional Budget Office. Testimony was heard from James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress, Library of Congress; Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; Davita Vance-Cooks, Acting Public Printer, Government Printing Office; and Douglas Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

NLRB RECESS APPOINTMENTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The NLRB Recess Appointments: Implications for America’s Workers and Employers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee continued markup of H.R. 3548, the “North American Energy Access Act”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.