

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 12 public bills, H.R. 4132–4143 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 940, to establish standards for covered bond programs and a covered bond regulatory oversight program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–407, Pt. 1) and H. Res. 570, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2842) to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–408).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:09 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:16 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m.

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

**Roy Schallern Rood Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3637, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Old Dixie Highway in Jupiter, Florida, as the “Roy Schallern Rood Post Office Building”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 362 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 95;

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**Private Isaac T. Cortes Post Office Designation Act:** H.R. 3413, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1449 West Avenue in Bronx, New York, as the “Private Isaac T. Cortes Post Office”; and

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**James M. Fitzgerald United States Courthouse Designation Act:** S. 1710, to designate the United States courthouse located at 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, as the James M. Fitzgerald United States Courthouse.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:29 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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**Establishing the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and agree to S. Con. Res. 35, to establish the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies for the inauguration

of the President-elect and Vice President-elect of the United States on January 21, 2013.

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**Authorizing the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and agree to S. Con. Res. 36, to authorize the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation beyond March 6, 2012 of the national emergency declared with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe’s democratic processes or institutions—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Rept. 112–92).

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1139.

**Senate Referrals:** S. Con. Res. 35 and S. Con. Res. 36 were held at the desk.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H1154.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yeas-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H1143. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Federal Trade Commission. Testimony was heard from Jon Leibowitz, Chairman, FTC; and J. Thomas Rosch, Commissioner FTC.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Full Committee began markup of the following: H.R. 452, the “Medicare Decisions Accountability Act of 2011”;

H.R. 3309, the “Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act”; and H.R. 3310, the “Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act”.

#### SECURITY IN BONDING ACT OF 2011

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H. R. 3534, the “Security In Bonding Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### BUREAU OF RECLAMATION SMALL CONDUIT HYDROPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND RURAL JOBS ACT OF 2011

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2842, the “Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act of 2011”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources as original text for purpose of amendment, and provides that each section shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments that are submitted for printing in the Congressional Record dated at least one day before the day of consideration of the amendment and pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. Each amendment submitted for printing in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who submitted it for printing or the Member’s designee and shall be considered as read if printed. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Financial Services may file a supplemental report to accompany H.R. 3606. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hasting, WA and Representatives Tipton and Napolitano.

#### ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine U.S. Central Command and U.S. Special Operations Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC–217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine spurring job growth through capital formation while protecting investors, part II, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine perspectives on the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD–608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine keeping America competitive through investments in research and development, 2:45 p.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine tax reform options, focusing on incentives for capital investment and manufacturing, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for international development priorities, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Tony Hammond, of Missouri, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, 10:30 a.m., SD–342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark A. Robbins, of California, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and Roy Wallace McLeese III, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 6 through March 9, 2012

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 1813, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid Amendment No. 1761 at 12 p.m.

On *Tuesday*, at 2:15 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of Mary Elizabeth Phillips, of Missouri, to be United States District