

Corker Amendment No. 1785, to lower the FY13 discretionary budget authority cap as set in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 by \$20,000,000,000 in order to offset the general fund transfers to the Highway Trust Fund.

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Corker Amendment No. 1810, to ensure that the aggregate amount made available for transportation projects for a fiscal year does not exceed the estimated amount available for those projects in the Highway Trust Fund for the fiscal year.

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Portman/Coburn Amendment No. 1736, to free States to spend gas taxes on their transportation priorities.

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Portman Amendment No. 1742, to allow States to permit nonhighway uses in rest areas along any highway.

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Coats (for Alexander) Amendment No. 1779, to make technical corrections to certain provisions relating to overflights of National Parks.

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Coats (for DeMint) Amendment No. 1589, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate certain energy tax subsidies and lower the corporate income tax rate.

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Coats (for DeMint) Amendment No. 1756, to return to the individual States maximum discretionary authority and fiscal responsibility for all elements of the national surface transportation systems that are not within the direct purview of the Federal Government.

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Coats/Lugar Amendment No. 1517, to modify the apportionment formula to ensure that the percentage of apportioned funds received by a State is the same as the percentage of total gas taxes paid by the State.

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Blunt/Casey Amendment No. 1540, to modify the section relating to off-system bridges.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 66 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 35), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and section 4(g)(3) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010. The point of order that the bill was in violation of provisions of section 311(a)(2)a of the Congressional Budget Act, was not sustained.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at 4 p.m., on Monday, March 12, 2012; that the Merkley amendment relative to farm vehicles listed under the order of Wednesday, March 7, 2012, be changed from Amendment No. 1653 to Amendment No. 1814; that on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, Senate

resume the sequence of votes remaining under the order of Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader after consultation with the Republican Leader, with all other provisions of the previous order remaining in effect.

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—35) Pages S1526–31

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:52 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1557.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

### FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine an overview of the Federal Housing Administration, after receiving testimony from Carol Galante, Acting Federal Housing Administration Commissioner, and Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Housing.

## APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Eric Holder, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

## DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND THE FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from John M. McHugh, Secretary of the Army, and General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff, United States Army, both of the Department of Defense.

## HOUSING CRISIS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine addressing the housing crisis in Indian country, focusing on leveraging resources and coordinating efforts, after receiving testimony from Sandra Henriquez, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Doug O'Brien, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development; Robert McSwain, Deputy Director, Management Operations, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and Jodi Gillette, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs.

## AMERICA'S GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the key to America's global competitiveness, focusing on a quality education, after receiving testimony from

Jenn Mann, SAS, Cary, North Carolina; Charles Kolb, Committee for Economic Development, Washington, D.C.; Richard J. Murnane, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Eric A. Hanushek, Stanford University, Stanford, California.

## NATIVE PROGRAMS BUDGET

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for Native Programs, after receiving testimony from Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Yvette Roubideaux, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Fawn Sharp, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Portland, Oregon; Michell Hicks, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Nashville, Tennessee, on behalf of the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.; and Robert Shepherd, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, Rapid City, South Dakota, on behalf of the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association.

## BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1002, to prohibit theft of medical products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Patty Shwartz, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Jeffrey J. Helmick, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Mary Geiger Lewis, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Timothy S. Hillman, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, and Thomas M. Harrigan, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement, Department of Justice.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 30 public bills, H.R. 4165–4194; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 578–580, were introduced. **Pages H1303–05**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H1306**

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

H.R. 3992, to allow otherwise eligible Israeli nationals to receive E–2 nonimmigrant visas if similarly situated United States nationals are eligible for

similar nonimmigrant status in Israel (H. Rept. 112–410) and

H.R. 1741, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State to refuse or revoke visas to aliens if in the security or foreign policy interests of the United States, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to review visa applications before adjudication, to provide for the immediate dissemination of visa revocation information,