

3606, Reopening American Capital Markets to Emerging Growth Companies Act, Senate resume consideration of the House Message to accompany S. 2038, Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act; that there be four minutes of debate equally divided in the usual form prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the House Message to accompany S. 2038; that if cloture is invoked on the motion to concur; that all post-cloture time be yielded back; the motion to concur with an amendment be withdrawn; and the motion to concur be agreed to; that all after the first vote be ten minute votes; and that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to Reid motion to concur with respect to S. 2038, be at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 22, 2012. **Page S1945**

Bill Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that H.R. 306, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge, be discharged from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. **Page S1945**

Senator Mikulski Tributes—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that there be printed as a Senate document a compilation of materials from the *Congressional Record* in tribute to Senator Barbara Mikulski, and that Members have until Thursday, March 29, 2012, to submit such tributes. **Page S1945**

Nuffer, Abrams, and Contreras Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following disposition of the House Message to accompany S. 2038, Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act, Senate resume consideration of the following nominations: David Nuffer, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Ronnie Abrams, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Rudolph Contreras, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia; that there be two minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote without intervening action or debate on confirmation of the nominations of David Nuffer, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Ronnie Abrams, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Rudolph Contreras, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, in that order; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S1944**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Rainey Ransom Brandt, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

John S. Leonardo, of Arizona, to be United States Attorney for the District of Arizona for the term of four years.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, and Navy.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—53) **Page S1884**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1945.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. AIR TRAVEL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine balancing prosperity and security, focusing on challenges for United States air travel in a 21st century global economy, after receiving testimony from John Pistole, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Thomas Winkowski, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, and Doug Smith, Assistant Secretary for Private Sector, all of the Department of Homeland Security; David T. Donahue, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Services; Roger Dow, U.S. Travel Association, Thomas L. Hendricks, Airlines of America, and Sara Nelson, Association of Flight Attendants—CWA, all of Washington, D.C.; Charles M. Barclay,

American Association of Airport Executives, Alexandria, Virginia; and Steven Hacker, International Association of Exhibitions and Events, Dallas, Texas.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Army, 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.

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Thomas P. D'Agostino, Undersecretary for Nuclear Security, and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government concluded a hearing to examine strengthening market oversight and integrity, focusing on fiscal year 2013 resource needs of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine military construction, environmental, and base closure programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Dorothy Robyn, Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, Katherine G. Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installation, Energy, and Environment, Jackalyne Pfannenstiel, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment, and Terry A. Yonkers, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment, and Logistics, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine military space programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, including challenges the Department of Defense faces in realizing benefits of satellite acquisition improvements, after receiving testimony from Madelyn R. Creedon, Assistant Secretary for Global Strategic Affairs, John A. Zangardi, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, and Space, Robert S. Winokur, Director, Oceanography, Space and Maritime Domain, Awareness Division, OPNAV N2/N6, Information Dominance, General William L. Shelton, Commander, Air Force Space Command, and Lieutenant General Richard P. Formica, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, and Army Forces Strategic Command, all of the Department of Defense; and Cristina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Georgia, Kenneth Merten, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, Mark A. Pekala, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, and Jeffrey D. Levine, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

RETOOLING GOVERNMENT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine retooling government for the 21st century, focusing on the President's reorganization plan and reducing duplication, and opportunities for improvement and considerations for reconstructing, including S. 2129, to provide for reforming and consolidating agencies of the Federal Government to improve efficiency and effectiveness, after receiving testimony from Daniel Werfel, Controller, Office of Management and Budget; and Patricia A. Dalton, Chief Operating Officer, Government Accountability Office.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGET

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

CONVICING THE GUILTY AND EXONERATING THE INNOCENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine convicting the guilty and exonerating the innocent, including S. 250, to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, after receiving testimony from Craig Watkins, Dallas County District Attorney, Dallas, Texas; Joshua Marquis, Clatsop County District Attorney, Astoria, Oregon; and Thomas Haynesworth, Richmond, Virginia.

VERIZON AND CABLE DEALS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights con-

cluded a hearing to examine Verizon and cable deals, after receiving testimony from Randal S. Milch, Verizon Communications Inc., and Tim Wu, Columbia Law School, both of New York, New York; David L. Cohen, Comcast Corporation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Charles F. Rule, Cadwalader, Wickersham and Taft LLP, Steven K. Berry, RCA, and Joel Kelsey, Free Press, all of Washington, D.C.

VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), Non Commissioned Officers Association, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Vietnam Veterans of America, Wounded Warrior Project, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, and The Retired Enlisted Association, after receiving testimony from Tom Tarantino, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, and Dawn Halfaker, Wounded Warrior Project, both of Washington, D.C.; William R. Hutton, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Springfield, Virginia; David Fletcher, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, H. Gene Overstreet, Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States, and Arthur Cooper, Retired Enlisted Association, all of Alexandria, Virginia; and John Rowan, Vietnam Veterans of America, Silver Spring, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 9, 14, 4228–4238; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 593 were introduced. **Pages H1496–97**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1497–98**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4119, to reduce the trafficking of drugs and to prevent human smuggling across the Southwest Border by deterring the construction and use of border tunnels (H. Rept. 112–418, Pt. 1). **Page H1496**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ellmers to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1429**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:21 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1437**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Carl Hickerson, Springfield Baptist Church, Washington, DC. **Page H1437**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 308 yeas to 101 nays with 3 answering "present", Roll No. 121. **Pages H1438, H1452–53**

Permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony: The House agreed to discharge and agree to H. Con. Res. 108, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. **Page H1442**