

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 7 public bills, H.R. 4256–4262; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 106 and H. Con. Res. 113–114, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H1571–72**

**Reports Filed:** A report was filed on March 23, 2012 as follows:

H. Con. Res. 112, establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022 (H. Rept. 112–421).

A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 595, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3309) to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission (H. Rept. 112–422).

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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 12:08 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 310 ayes to 80 noes with 4 answering "present", Roll No. 129.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m.

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

*Exempting inter-affiliate swaps from certain regulatory requirements put in place by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act:* H.R. 2779, amended, to exempt inter-affiliate swaps from certain regulatory requirements put in place by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 357 yeas to 36 nays, Roll No. 127;

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*Business Risk Mitigation and Price Stabilization Act:* H.R. 2682, amended, to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 370 yeas to 24 nays, Roll No. 128; and

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*Amending the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to information provided to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection:* H.R. 4014, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to information provided to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 4 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

*Homes for Heroes Act:* H.R. 3298, to establish the position of Special Assistant for Veterans Affairs in the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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**Presidential Messages:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified the Congress of his intention to suspend designation of Argentina as a beneficiary developing country under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–94)

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified the Congress of his intention to add the Republic of South Sudan to the list of beneficiary developing countries under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–95).

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1556–57, H1557–58, and H1558. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### TSA OVERSIGHT PART III

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a joint hearing entitled "TSA Oversight Part III: Effective Security or Security Theater?". Testimony was heard from Christopher L. McLaughlin, Assistant Administrator for Security Operations, Transportation Security Administration; Stephen Sadler, Assistant Administrator for Intelligence and Analysis, Transportation Security Administration; Rear Admiral Paul F. Zukunft, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and

Stewardship, United States Coast Guard; Stephen M. Lord, Director, Homeland Security, Government Accountability Office; and public witness.

### POSTAL REFORM ACT OF 2012

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2309, the “Postal Reform Act of 2012”. The Committee ordered the bill reported as amended.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 3309, the “Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2012”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as original text for the purpose of amendment and 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 printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommend with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period from March 29, 2012, through April 16, 2012, as though under clause 8(a) of rule I. Testimony was heard from Representatives Walden (OR); Eshoo; Diaz-Balart; and Waters.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee, resolution expressing the gratitude of the Committee on Rules to the Honorable John V. Sullivan, the fourth parliamentarian of the House of Representatives, on the occasion of his retirement for his service to the Committee, the House and the Nation. The Committee agreed to the resolution.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense and the Department of the Army, 10 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* To hold hearings to examine U.S. Strategic Command and U.S. Cyber 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., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense’s role in implementation of the National Strategy for Counterterrorism and the National Strategy to Combat Transnational Organized Crime in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold a hearing to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 3:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine the choice neighborhoods initiative, focusing on a new community development model, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy, with the Subcommittee on Oversight, to hold a joint oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) work with other Federal entities to reduce pollution and improve environmental performance, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine renewable energy tax incentives, focusing on how have the recent and pending expirations of key incentives affected the renewable energy industry in the United States, 2:45 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Business meeting to consider S. Res. 356, expressing support for the people of Tibet, S. Res. 395, expressing the sense of the Senate in support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the NATO summit to be held in Chicago, Illinois from May 20 through 21, 2012, S. Res. 397, promoting peace and stability in Sudan, S. Res. 80, condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha’i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, S. Res. 391, condemning violence by the Government of Syria against journalists, and expressing the sense of the Senate on freedom of the press in Syria, S. Res. 344, supporting the democratic aspirations of the Nicaraguan people and calling attention to the deterioration of constitutional order in Nicaragua, the nominations of Julissa Reynoso, of New