

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013; AND SUSPENSION AUTHORITY

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H. Con. Res. 112, the “Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013”. The Committee, granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing four hours of general debate, with three hours confined to the congressional budget equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget and one hour on the subject of economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Rep. Brady of Texas and Rep. Hinchey of New York or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. 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, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except that the adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute shall constitute the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment. The rule provides, upon the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment, a final period of general debate, which shall not exceed 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule permits the chair of the Committee on the Budget to offer amendments in the House pursuant to section 305(a)(5) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to achieve mathematical consistency. The rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Finally, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of March 29, 2012, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules, as though under clause 1 of rule XV, relating to a measure extending expiring surface transportation authority. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Chairman Ryan (WI); Van Hollen; Mulvaney; Honda; Scott (VA); and Ellison.

## FOSTERING THE U.S. COMPETITIVE EDGE

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Fostering the U.S. Competitive Edge: Examining the Effects of Federal Policies on

Competition, Innovation, and Job Growth”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## PRESIDENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “A Review of the President’s Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request for the Army Corps of Engineers”. Testimony was heard from Major General Meredith “Bo” Temple, Acting Chief of Engineers, United States Army Corps of Engineers.

## FROM THE GROUND UP: ASSESSING ONGOING DELAYS IN VA MAJOR CONSTRUCTION

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “From the Ground Up: Assessing Ongoing Delays in VA Major Construction”. Testimony was heard from Robert A. Petzel, Under Secretary for Health Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Glenn D. Haggstrom, Executive Director, Office of Acquisitions, Logistics, and Construction, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

## ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

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

## Joint Meetings

### MONETARY POLICY

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine monetary policy going forward, focusing on why a sound dollar boosts growth and employment, after receiving testimony from John B. Taylor, Stanford University, Stanford, California; and Laurence H. Meyer, Macroeconomic Advisers, and William Poole, University of Delaware, both of Washington, D.C.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the National Institutes of Health, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense health programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

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 the Navy and the Department of the Air Force, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine enhancing economic growth, focusing on the Department of the Treasury's responses to the foreclosure crisis and mounting student loan debt, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower, to receive a closed briefing on the *Ohio*-class Replacement Program in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense nuclear forces and policies 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, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine retirement, focusing on examining the retirement savings deficit, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* To hold hearings to examine the science and standards of forensics, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* To hold hearings to examine United States policy on Iran, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine assessing efforts to combat waste and fraud in Federal programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* To hold hearings to examine the Special Counsel's report on the prosecution of Senator Ted Stevens, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael P. Shea, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Gonzalo P. Curiel, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Robert J. Shelby, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, 3 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Margaret Bartley, of Maryland, and Coral Wong Pietsch, of Hawaii, both to be a Judge

of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, 9:45 a.m., SR-418.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing on H.R. 3283, the "Swap Jurisdiction Certainty Act"; H.R. 1838, to repeal a provision of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act prohibiting any Federal bailout of swap dealers or participants; and the Swap Data Repository and Clearinghouse Indemnification Correction Act of 2012, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on American Manufacturing and Job Repatriation, 9 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witnesses, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Treasury, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Department of Labor, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Bureau of Reclamation, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for U.S. Judicial Conference and U.S. Courts, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Loan Guarantee Program and Advanced Research Projects—Agency Energy, 2 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces—Korea, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing on the security situation on the Korean Peninsula, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on the Army and Marine Corps Materiel Reset, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Reviewing the President's Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Proposal for the U.S. Department of Education", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "The American Energy Initiative: A Focus on Legislative Responses to Rising Gasoline Prices", 9:45 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Cybersecurity: Threats to Communications Networks and Public-Sector Responses", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Accounting and Auditing Oversight: Pending Proposals and Emerging Issues Confronting Regulators, Standard Setters and the Economy”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Collapse of MF Global: Part 3”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 4240, to reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Investigating the Chinese Threat, Part One: Military and Economic Aggression”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Price of Public Diplomacy with China”, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 2179, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer unclaimed money recovered at airport security checkpoints to United Service Organizations, Incorporated, and for other purposes; H.R. 2764, the “WMD Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2011”; H.R. 3140, the “Mass Transit Intelligence Prioritization Act”; and H.R. 3563, the “Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2011”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “Rightsizing TSA Bureaucracy and Workforce Without Compromising Security”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing entitled H.R. 4223, the “Safe Doses Act”; H.R. 3668, the “Counterfeit Drug Penalty Enhancement Act of 2011”; and H.R. 4216, the “Foreign Counterfeit Prevention Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing entitled “Holiday on ICE: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s New Immigration Detention Standards”, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, business meeting on a motion to authorize the Chairman to issue duces tecum subpoenas for the production of documents relating to investigations regarding: the Secretary of the Interior’s decision and the process to rewrite the 2008

Stream Buffer Zone Rule under the Surface Mining Reclamation and Control Act; and the process used in the preparation of a Department of the Interior report on offshore oil and natural gas operations under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act that implied that peer reviewers from the National Academy of Engineers had endorsed an offshore oil and natural gas drilling moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Securing the Promise of the International Space Station: Challenges and Opportunities”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing entitled “To Observe and Protect: How NOAA Procures Data for Weather Forecasting”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Large and Small Businesses: How Partnerships Can Promote Job Growth”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “A Review of the President’s Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request for the Environmental Protection Agency”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Disability and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Reevaluating the Transition from Service Member to Veteran: Honoring a Shared Commitment to Care for Those Who Defend Our Freedom”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, markup of H.R. 3670, to require the Transportation Security Administration to comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act; H.R. 4048, the “Improving Contracting Opportunities for Veteran-Owned Small Businesses Act of 2012”; H.R. 4051, the “TAP Modernization Act of 2012”; and H.R. 4072, the “Consolidating Veteran Employment Services for Improved Performance Act of 2012”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 9, the “Small Business Tax Cut Act”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies—2012*: Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations and committee’s rules and procedure for the 112th Congress, 10:30 a.m., S-216, Capitol.