

7 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
 12 Army nominations in the rank of general.
 19 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S2807–09**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Sean Sullivan, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2015.

Timothy M. Broas, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Richard L. Morningstar, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service, and Public Health Service. **Pages S2888–90**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Thomas M. Beck, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2013, which was sent to the Senate on January 5, 2011.

Matthew J. Bryza, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan (Recess Appointment), which was sent to the Senate on January 26, 2011.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—87) **Pages S2761, S2796–97, S2799**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 43, at 7:13 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 30, 2012 (Unless the Senate has received a message from the House of Representatives that the House has adopted S. Con. Res. 43, Adjournment Resolution. And if the Senate has received such a message, the Senate stand adjourned until 2 p.m., on Monday, May 7, 2012.) (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2888.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, “Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act of 2012”.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S. 2375) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013; and

An original bill (S. 2465) making appropriations for Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kathleen H. Hicks, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, and Derek H. Chollet, of Nebraska, to be Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Marine Corps acquisition programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, and Lieutenant General Richard P. Mills, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration and Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 2,894 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine legislative proposals in the Department of Housing and

Urban Development's fiscal year 2013 budget, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

WEATHER RELATED ELECTRICAL OUTAGES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine weather related electrical outages, after receiving testimony from Senator Blumenthal; Patricia Hoffman, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; Norman C. Bay, Director, Office of Enforcement, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Thomas B. Getz, former New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Chairman, Concord; and John Bilda, General Manager of Norwich Public Utilities, Norwich, Connecticut.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Adam E. Sieminski, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, Marcilynn A. Burke, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and Anthony T. Clark, of North Dakota, and John Robert Norris, of Iowa, both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

IMPROVING TAXPAYER EXPERIENCE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax filing season, focusing on improving the taxpayer experience, after receiving testimony from James R. White, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Beth Tucker, Deputy Commissioner, Operations Support, and Teresa Thompson, Local Taxpayer Advocate for the State of Montana, Taxpayer Advocate Service, both of the Internal Revenue Service; and Troy K. Lewis, Lewis and Associates, CPAs, LLC, Draper, Utah.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 435, calling for democratic change in Syria, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2224, to require the President to report to Congress on issues related to Syria;

H.R. 1016, to measure the progress of relief, recovery, reconstruction, and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010;

S. Res. 401, expressing appreciation for Foreign Service and Civil Service professionals who represent the United States around the globe, an original resolution calling for democratic change in Syria; and

The nominations of Scott H. DeLisi, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Mi-

chael A. Raynor, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, and Makila James, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland, all of the Department of State, and lists in the Foreign Service.

BURMA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine United States policy on Burma, after receiving testimony from Joseph Y. Yun, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Nisha Biswal, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, United States Agency for International Development; Adam J. Szubin, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury; and David I. Steinberg, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Karl D. Jackson, Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, and Peter M. Manikas, National Democratic Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

BIOLOGICAL SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine biological security, focusing on the risk of dual-use research, after receiving testimony from Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and Paul S. Keim, Acting Chair, National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity, both of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Daniel M. Gerstein, Deputy Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security; and Tom Inglesby, Center for Biosecurity of University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Baltimore, Maryland.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine financial literacy, focusing on empowering Americans to prevent the next financial crisis, after receiving testimony from Melissa Koide, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Office of Financial Access, Education, and Consumer Protection; Camille Busette, Assistant Director, Office of Financial Education, Division of Consumer Education and Engagement, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Alicia Puente Cackley, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Sheila Bair, former Chairman, United States Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and Pew Charitable Trusts, and Mark A. Calabria, Cato Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Brigitte Madrian,

Harvard Kennedy School, Boston, Massachusetts; Sharra R. Jones, Laurel, Mississippi; and Michael Martin, and Evan K. Richards, both of Baltimore, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Coral Wong Pietsch, of Hawaii, and Margaret Bartley, of Maryland, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 148 public bills, H.R. 4817–4964; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 634 were introduced. **Pages H2203–06**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2211–12**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:
H.R. 4257, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to revise requirements relating to Federal information security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–455).
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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Flores to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2137**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2144**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on April 24th:

Lowell National Historical Park Land Exchange Act of 2012: H.R. 2240, amended, to authorize the exchange of land or interest in land between Lowell National Historical Park and the city of Lowell in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and **Page H2156**

Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act: H.R. 2050, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho. **Page H2186**

Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 3523, to provide for the sharing of certain cyber threat intelligence and cyber threat information between the intelligence commu-

nity and cybersecurity entities, by a recorded vote of 248 ayes to 168 noes, Roll No. 192.

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Rejected the Perlmutter motion to recommit the bill to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yeand-nay vote of 183 yeas to 233 nays, Roll No. 191.

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Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–20 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill. **Page H2166**

Agreed by unanimous consent that, during further consideration of H.R. 3523 pursuant to H. Res. 631, amendments No. 10 and No. 5 in H. Rept. 112–454 may be considered out of sequence.

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Agreed to:

Pompeo amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–454) that makes clear in the bill's liability provision that the reference to the use of cybersecurity systems is the use of such systems to identify and obtain cyber threat information; **Page H2169**

Flake amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 112–454) that adds a requirement to include a list of all Federal agencies receiving information shared with the Government in the report by the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community required under the legislation; **Page H2173**

Pompeo amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 112–454) that clarifies that nothing in the bill would alter existing authorities or provide new authority to any Federal agency, including DOD, NSA,