

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4645–S4687

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3342–3351, S. Res. 511–512, and S. Con. Res. 50. **Page S4674**

Measures Reported:

S. 2165, to enhance strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–179) **Page S4674**

Measures Passed:

Pacific Lutheran University Lutes Softball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 511, commending the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes Softball Team for winning the 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Softball Championship. **Pages S4685–86**

100th Anniversary of Rice University: Senate agreed to S. Res. 512, recognizing the 100th anniversary of Rice University. **Page S4686**

Measures Considered:

Small Business Jobs and Tax Relief Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2237, to provide a temporary income tax credit for increased payroll and extend bonus depreciation for an additional year. **Pages S4645–68**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
 - 2 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- A routine list in the Department of State.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:20 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4686.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL PARKS BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 1897, to amend Public Law 101–377 to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, S. 2158, to establish the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway National Heritage Area, S. 2229, to authorize the issuance of right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park, S. 2267, to reauthorize the Hudson Valley National Heritage Area, S. 2272, to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Mount Denali, S. 2273, to designate the Talkeetna Ranger Station in Talkeetna, Alaska, as the Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station, S. 2286, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 2316, to designate the Salt Pond Visitor Center at the Cape Cod National Seashore as the "Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Salt Pond Visitor Center", S. 2324, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Neches River in the State of Texas for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic River System, S. 2372, to authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, S. 3078, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install

in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day, and S. 3300, to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, after receiving testimony from Herbert Frost, Associate Director, Natural Resources Stewardship and Science, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Ingrid Kolb, Director, Office of Management, Department of Energy; Mayor Thomas L. Beehan, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, on behalf of the Energy Communities Alliance; Warren Judge, Dare County Board of Commissioners, Manteo, North Carolina; and Derb S. Carter, Jr., Southern Environmental Law Center, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Derek J. Mitchell, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Union of Burma, Department of State, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on Syria from national security briefers.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Frank Paul Geraci, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, Fernando M. Olguin, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Charles R. Breyer, of California, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, who were both introduced by Senator Feinstein, and Malachy Edward Mannion, and Matthew W. Brann, both to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, who were both introduced by Senators Casey and Toomey, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HEALTH AND BENEFITS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health and benefits legislation, including S. 3340, to improve and enhance the programs and activities of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding suicide prevention and resilience and behavioral health disorders for members of the Armed Forces

and veterans, S. 3336, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a major medical facility project lease for a Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic at Ewa Plain, Oahu, Hawaii, S. 3324, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to nonprofit organizations for the construction of facilities for temporary lodging in connection with the examination, treatment, or care of a veteran under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 3316, to require the Secretary of Labor to carry out a pilot program on providing veterans with access at One-Stop Centers to Internet websites to facilitate online job searches, S. 3313, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to women veterans, to improve health care furnished by the Department, S. 3309, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to homeless veterans, S. 3308, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the furnishing of benefits for homeless veterans who are women or who have dependents, S. 3282, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education, S. 3270, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to consider the resources of individuals applying for pension that were recently disposed of by the individuals for less than fair market value when determining the eligibility of such individuals for such pension, S. 3238, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community based outpatient clinic in Mansfield, Ohio, as the David F. Winder Department of Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic, S. 3206, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc., S. 3202, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that deceased veterans with no known next of kin can receive a dignified burial, S. 3084, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reorganize the Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Veterans Health Administration, S. 3052, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans, when such veterans electronically file claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, with notice that relevant services may be available to the veterans from veterans service organizations, S. 3049, to amend title 39, United States Code, to expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits under the

laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 2320, to direct the American Battle Monuments Commission to provide for the ongoing maintenance of Clark Veterans Cemetery in the Republic of the Philippines, S. 2259, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2012, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, S. 2244, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to assist in the identification of unclaimed and abandoned human remains to determine if any such remains are eligible for burial in a national cemetery, S. 2045, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims to reside within fifty miles of the District of Columbia, S. 1849, to require a five-year strategic plan for the Office of Rural Health of the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs for improving access to, and the quality of, health care services for veterans in rural areas, S. 1838, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on service dog training therapy, S. 1806, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions to the homeless veterans assistance fund, S. 1799, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements relating to the immunization of veterans, S. 1755, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation, S.

1707, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes, S. 1705, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Spokane, Washington, as the “Mann-Grandstaff Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”, S. 1631, to authorize the establishment in the Department of Veterans Affairs of a center for technical assistance for non-Department health care providers who furnish care to veterans in rural areas, S. 1391, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and S. 1264, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated as voter registration agencies, after receiving testimony from Senators Boxer, Portman, Ayotte, Wyden, Franken, and Heller; Madhulika Agarwal, Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Policy and Services, Veterans Health Administration, and Thomas Murphy, Director, Compensation Service, William Schoenhard, Deputy Under Secretary for Health Operations and Management, and Richard Hipolit, Assistant General Counsel, all of the Veterans Benefits Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Joy J. Ilem, Disabled American Veterans, and Heather L. Ansley, VetsFirst, both of Washington, DC.; Mark T. Edney, American Urological Association Legislative Affairs Committee, Salisbury, Maryland; and Tracy Keil, Parker, Colorado.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 6029–6046; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 709–710 were introduced. **Pages H4155–56**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4157–58**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Legislative Review and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs During the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–552) and

H. Res. 708, relating to the consideration of House Report 112–546 and an accompanying resolution, and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 706) authorizing the Committee on

Oversight and Government Reform to initiate or intervene in judicial proceedings to enforce certain subpoenas. **Page H4155**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Nugent to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4067**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:21 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4075**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, June 26th:

Public Safety Officers' Benefits Improvements Act of 2012: H.R. 4018, amended, to improve the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program. **Page H4079**

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 5972, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013. Further proceedings were postponed.

Pages H4079–H4135, H4135–51

Agreed to:

Clarke (MI) amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Homeless Assistance Grants by \$5,000,000;

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Cravaack amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Secretary of Transportation to research or implement a distance-based fee system, commonly referred to as Vehicle Miles Traveled, that would levy a fee on a vehicle user based on the distance traveled;

Pages H4137–39

Cravaack amendment that prohibits funds from being used in furtherance of the implementation of the European Union greenhouse gas emissions trading scheme for aviation activities established by European Union Directive 2008/101/EC;

Pages H4139–40

Posey amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2012) that prohibits funds from being used for the International Highway Technology Scanning Program;

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Griffith (VA) amendment that prohibits funds from being used for any new grant under the livable communities program of the Department of Transportation or the sustainable communities program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development or to implement any transfer of funds for any such new grant;

Pages H4141–42

Flores amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enforce section 526 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007;

Pages H4142–43

Turner (OH) amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2012) that prohibits funds from being used to establish, issue, implement, administer, or enforce any prohibition or restriction on the establishment or effectiveness of any occupancy preference for veterans in supportive housing for the elderly that (1) is provided assistance by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and (2)(A) is or would be located on property of the Department of Veterans Affairs, or (B) is subject to an enhanced use lease with the Department of Veterans Affairs;

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Garrett amendment that prohibits funds from being used to promulgate, issue, establish, implement, administer, finalize, or enforce the proposed rule issued by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and published in the Federal Register on September 16, 2011 (relating to Implementation

of the Fair Housing Act's Discriminatory Effects Standard);

Pages H4144–46

Cassidy amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Secretary of Transportation to make any transfer under the last proviso under the heading "Department of Transportation—Office of the Secretary—Payments to Air Carriers";

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Chabot amendment that prohibits funds from being used to design, construct, or operate a fixed guideway project located in Cincinnati, Ohio; and

Pages H4146–47

Scalise amendment that prohibits funds from being used to implement any rule or regulation that expressly prohibits an owner or landlord of housing from using a criminal conviction to deny housing to an applicant for such housing.

Pages H4150–51

Rejected:

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Office of Public and Indian Housing salaries and expenses by \$6,500,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 424);

Pages H4096, H4126–27

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Office of Community Planning and Development salaries and expenses by \$3,500,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 425);

Pages H4096–97, H4127

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Office of Housing salaries and expenses by \$5,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 426);

Pages H4097, H4128

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Office of Policy Development and Research salaries and expenses by \$115,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 427);

Pages H4097–99, H4128–29

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity salaries and expenses by \$304,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 428);

Pages H4099, H4129

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Public Housing Capital Fund by \$110,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 429);

Pages H4101–02, H4129–30

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Public Housing Operating Fund by \$562,150,000 and apply the savings to the spending

reduction account (by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 264 noes, Roll No. 430); **Pages H4102–03, H4130–31**

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Federal Maritime Commission salaries and expenses by \$900,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 431); **Pages H4121, H4131**

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation by \$12,300,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 432); **Pages H4122–23, H4131–32**

Chaffetz amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Community Development Fund by \$396,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 157 ayes to 267 noes, Roll No. 433); **Pages H4104–05, H4132–33**

McClintock amendment that sought to eliminate funding for the Community Development Fund and apply the savings, \$3,404,000,000, to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 80 ayes to 342 noes, Roll No. 434); **Pages H4105–06, H4133**

McClintock amendment (No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2012) that sought to eliminate funding for the Community Development Loan Guarantees Program and apply the savings, \$6,000,000, to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 123 ayes to 300 noes, Roll No. 435); and **Pages H4108–09, H4133–34**

Flake amendment that sought to reduce funding for the HOME investment partnerships program by \$200,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 436). **Pages H4109–10, H4134–35**

Withdrawn:

Diaz-Balart amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2012) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have provided that unless explicitly provided, not to exceed 25 percent of any grant made with funds appropriated for the Community Development Fund may be expended for public services as defined by law; **Pages H4106–07**

Price (GA) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration from requiring the placement of line markers under section 195.410(a)(1) of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, other than at public road crossings and railroad crossings; and **Pages H4140–41**

Herrera Beutler amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used to build flood protection

walls for Interstate 5 between mile posts 72–82 in Lewis County, Washington. **Page H4151**

Point of Order sustained against:

Nadler amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2012) that would have increased funding for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance by \$460,000,000; **Pages H4100–01**

Hanabusa amendment that would have provided funding, by offset, for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant in the amount of \$13,000,000; **Pages H4103–04**

Bachus amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2012) that would have provided that with respect to the HOME Investment Partnership programs, up to \$200,000,000 shall be for disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of housing and infrastructure, and economic revitalization in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from a major disaster; **Pages H4110–11**

LaTourette amendment that would have expanded the percentage of Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 and Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 funds that can be used for demolition projects to 75%; **Pages H4117–18**

Price (NC) amendment that would have allowed public housing agencies to merge operating and capital funds; **Pages H4118–19**

Garamendi amendment that would have changed section 412 of the bill regarding the Buy American Act to ensure that domestic content makes up 85% of all steel, iron, and manufactured goods, including rolling stock; and **Pages H4124–25**

Burgess amendment that would have prohibited funds from being used by the Secretary of Transportation to authorize a person (1) to operate an unmanned aircraft system in the national airspace for the purpose, in whole or in part, of using the unmanned aircraft system as a weapon or to deliver a weapon against a person or property or (2) to manufacture, sell, or distribute an unmanned aircraft system, or a component thereof, for use in the national airspace system as a weapon or to deliver a weapon against a person or property. **Pages H4143–44**

Proceedings Postponed:

Blackburn amendment that seeks to reduce each amount made available by this Act by 1%; **Pages H4135–36**

McClintock amendment (No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2012) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used for the Third Street Light Rail Phase 2 Central Subway project in San Francisco, California; **Pages H4136–37**

Lankford amendment that prohibits funds from being used to pay the salary of any officer or employee of the Federal Highway Administration to implement, administer, or enforce the Migratory

Bird Treaty Act with respect to the cliff swallow or barn swallow; **Pages H4147–48**

Denham amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2012) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used for high-speed rail in the State of California or for the California High-Speed Rail Authority; and **Pages H4148–49**

Landry amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to promulgate or implement any regulations that would mandate global positioning system tracking, electronic on-board recording devices, or event data recorders in passenger or commercial motor vehicles. **Pages H4149–50**

H. Res. 697, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, June 26th.

Recess: The House recessed at 5:24 p.m. and reconvened at 8:15 p.m. **Page H4135**

Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House debated the Hahn motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4348. Further proceedings were postponed.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Thirteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4126–27, H4127, H4128, H4128–29, H4129, H4130, H4130–31, H4131, H4131–32, H4132–33, H4133, H4133–34, H4134–35. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a markup of Activity Report of the Committee on Agriculture for the 3rd Quarter of the 112th Congress. The Activity Report of the Committee on Agriculture was adopted without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup of the adoption of the Semiannual Activities Report of the Committee on Appropriations. The Semiannual Activities Report was adopted without amendment; and began markup of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2013.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a markup of the Third Semiannual Report on the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services for the 112th Congress. The Semiannual Report on the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services was passed, without amendment.

CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “The Creation and Implementation of the National Nuclear Security Administration”. Testimony was heard from Eugene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 5872, the “Sequestration Transparency Act of 2012”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup of Report on the Activities of the Committee on Education and the Workforce for the third quarter of the 112th Congress. The Report on the Activities of the Committee on Education and the Workforce was ordered reported, without amendment.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing on discussion draft of the “Increasing Manufacturing Competitiveness Through Improved Recycling Act of 2012”; and H.R. 2997, the “Superfund Common Sense Act”. Testimony was heard from Representative Long; Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

FUTURE OF VIDEO

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “The Future of Video”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup of Semiannual Report on Activities of the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives During the 112th Congress; and H.R. 4367, to amend the Electronic Fund Transfer Act to limit the fee disclosure requirement for an automatic teller machine to the screen of that machine. The Semiannual Report on Activities of the Committee on Financial Services was passed without amendment. H.R. 4367 was ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup of the report of the Legislative Review and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs for the 112th Congress, 3rd Quarter; and H.R. 6018, the “Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2013”. The report of the Legislative Review and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs was passed without amendment and H.R. 6018 was ordered reported, without amendment.

**INTERNATIONAL IP ENFORCEMENT:
PROTECTING PATENTS, TRADE SECRETS
AND MARKET ACCESS**

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing entitled “International IP Enforcement: Protecting Patents, Trade Secrets and Market Access”. Testimony was heard from Teresa Stanek Rea, Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 3356, the “ACCESS (ADA Compliance for Customer Entry to Stores and Services) Act”. Testimony was heard from Representative Daniel E. Lungren and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing to approve the 3d quarter semi-annual 112th Congress, Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities; and Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing entitled “Mandatory Conditioning Requirements on Hydropower: How Federal Resource Agencies are Driving Up Electricity Costs and Decreasing the Original Green Energy”. Testimony was heard from Senator Carper, Representatives Carney, Chaffetz, Denham, Hastings (WA), Pearce, Tsongas, and Turner; Carl Rountree, Director, National Landscape Conservation System, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Jim Pena, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; John Curtis, Mayor, City of Provo; Victor Knox, Associate Director for Park Planning, Facilities and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Ingrid Kolb, Director, Office of Management, Department of Energy; Kevin Cann, Supervisor, Mariposa County; and public witnesses. The 3d quarter semi-annual 112th Congress, Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities was approved, without amendment.

**AUTHORIZATION, STANDARDS, AND
PROCEDURES FOR WHETHER, HOW, AND
WHEN INDIAN TRIBES SHOULD BE NEWLY
RECOGNIZED BY THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT**

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing entitled “Authorization, standards, and procedures for whether, how, and when Indian tribes should be newly recognized by the federal government”. Testimony was heard from Ken Salazar, Secretary, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 459, the “Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2011”; H.R. 4155, the “Veteran Skills to Jobs Act”; H.R. 4631, the “Government Spending Accountability Act of 2012”; H.R. 6016, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for administrative leave requirements with respect to Senior Executive Service employees, and for other purposes; H.R. 3912, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Mastic Road in Mastic Beach, New York, as the “Brigadier General Nathaniel Woodhull Post Office Building”; H.R. 4389, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19 East Merced Street in Fowler, California, as the “Cecil E. Bolt Post Office”; H.R. 5788, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Center Street West in Eatonville, Washington, as the “National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson Post Office”; H.R. 5867, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4605 Tutu Park Mall in St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, as the “Kenneth Leslie Hermon Post Office”; H.R. 2896, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the “Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building”; H.R. 2338, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Florida Avenue in Cocoa, Florida, as the “Harry T. and Harriette Moore Post Office”; H.R. 1369, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1021 Pennsylvania Avenue in Hartshorne, Oklahoma, as the “Warren Lindley Post Office”; and Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Third Semiannual Activities Report, June 2012. The following measures were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 459; H.R. 4155; H.R. 4631; H.R. 6061; and the Semiannual Activities Report; the following measures were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 3912; H.R. 4389; H.R. 5788; H.R. 5867; H.R. 2896; H.R. 2338; and H.R. 1369.

RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION OF H. REPT. 112-546 AND AN ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION; AND H. RES. 706, AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM TO INITIATE OR INTERVENE IN JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS TO ENFORCE CERTAIN SUBPOENAS

Committee on Rules: Full Committee granted, by a record vote, a rule providing that if H. Rept. 112-546 is called up by direction of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, all points of order against the report shall be waived and it shall be considered as read. The resolution provides a closed rule for the resolution accompanying H. Rept. 112-546. The rule provides 50 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution accompanying the report. The rule provides that the resolution accompanying the report shall be considered as read. The rule further provides one motion to refer at the conclusion of debate if offered by Rep. Dingell of Michigan, which shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule provides one motion to recommit the resolution accompanying the report with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may reduce the minimum time for electronic voting on the motion to recommit the resolution accompanying the report as though pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX.

The resolution further provides a closed rule for H. Res. 706. The rule provides 20 minutes of debate on H. Res. 706 equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit H. Res. 706. Testimony was heard from Chairman Issa, Representative Cummings and Dingell.

THE ROLE OF RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES IN SECURING AMERICA'S FUTURE PROSPERITY: CHALLENGES AND EXPECTATIONS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing entitled "The Role of Research Universities in Securing America's Future Prosperity: Challenges and Expectations". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONTINUING OVERSIGHT OF THE NATION'S WEATHER SATELLITE PROGRAMS: AN UPDATE ON JPSS AND GOES-R

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight and Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a joint hearing entitled "Continuing Oversight of the Nation's Weather Satellite Programs: An Update on JPSS and GOES-R". Testimony was heard from Kathryn Sullivan, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction and Deputy Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Marcus Watkins, Director, Joint Agency Satellite Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office.

REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT COMPLIANCE: IS EPA FAILING SMALL BUSINESSES; AND MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a markup of Semiannual Report on the Activity of the Committee on Small Business; and Full Committee, hearing entitled "Regulatory Flexibility Act Compliance: Is EPA Failing Small Businesses?". The Report on the Activity of the Committee on Small Business was passed, without amendment. Testimony on Regulatory Flexibility Act Compliance was heard from public witnesses.

REVIEW OF VESSELS USED TO CARRY STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE DRAWDOWNS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled "A Review of Vessels Used To Carry Strategic Petroleum Reserve Drawdowns". Testimony was heard from John D. Porcari, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation; and a public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a markup of H.R. 3730, the "Veterans Data Breach Timely Notification Act"; H.R. 4481, the "Veterans Affairs Employee Accountability Act"; and H.R. 5948, the "Veterans Fiduciary Reform Act of 2012". The following measures were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 3730; H.R. 4481 and H.R. 5948.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a markup of H.R. 5735, to provide for the establishment of a Tomb of Remembrance at Arlington National Cemetery for interment of cremated fragments of the remains of members of the Armed Forces killed in Afghanistan, Iraq, or a subsequent conflict when the fragments are unidentifiable by use of DNA testing or other means because of the condition of the fragments, are unclaimed, or are identified and authorized by the person designated to direct disposition of the remains for internment in such memorial; H.R. 5880, the "Veterans Disability Examination Access Improvement Act"; and H.R. 5881, the "Access to Veterans Benefits Improvement Act". The following measures were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 5735; and H.R. 5881. The following measure was forwarded, without amendment: H.R. 5880.

HOW WELFARE AND TAX BENEFITS CAN DISCOURAGE WORK; AND MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup of approval of the Report on the Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Ways and Means during the 112th Congress; and Subcommittee on Human Resources and Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, joint hearing entitled "How Welfare and Tax Benefits Can Discourage Work". Testimony was heard from Representative Moore (WI) and public witnesses. The Report on the Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Ways and Means was approved without amendment.

SECURING THE FUTURE OF THE DISABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled "Securing the Future of the Disability Insurance Program". Testimony was heard from Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner, Social Security Administration; 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

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the need for privacy protections, focusing on industry self-regulation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine innovative non-federal programs for financing energy efficient building retrofits, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine The Law of the Sea Convention (Treaty Doc. 103-39), focusing on perspectives from business and industry, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine economic statecraft, focusing on embracing Africa's market potential, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider H.R. 443, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska, H.R. 1560, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe, H.R. 1272, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al, by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Numbers 19 and 188, S. 134, to authorize the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease adjudicated water rights, S. 1065, to settle land claims within the Fort Hall Reservation, S. 2389, to deem the submission of certain claims to an Indian Health Service contracting officer as timely, and S. 3193, to make technical corrections to the legal description of certain land to be held in trust for the Barona Band of Mission Indians, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 285, for the relief of Sopuruchi Chukwueke, S. 1744, to provide funding for State courts to assess and improve the handling of proceedings relating to adult guardianship and conservatorship, to authorize the Attorney General to carry out a pilot program for the conduct of background checks on individuals to be appointed as guardians or conservators, and to promote the widespread adoption of information technology to better monitor, report, and audit conservatorships of protected persons, and the nominations of Terrence G. Berg, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Jesus G. Bernal, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Lorna G. Schofield, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Danny Chappelle Williams, Sr., of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Full Committee, continued markup of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2013, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Promoting Safe Workplaces Through Voluntary Protection Programs”, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “The American Energy Initiative: A Focus on the New Proposal to Tighten National Standards for Fine Particulate Matter”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy, hearing entitled “Fractional Reserve Banking and the Federal Reserve: The Economic Consequences of High-Powered Money”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “Appraisal Oversight: The Regulatory Impact on Consumers and Businesses”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled “Economic Espionage: A Foreign Intelligence Threat to American Jobs and Homeland Security”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Identity Theft and Income Tax Preparation Fraud”, 9:45 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Full Committee markup of H.R. 1860, the “Digital Goods and Services Tax Fairness Act of 2011”; H.R. 823, for the relief of Maria Carmen; H.R. 316, for the relief of Esther Karinge; H.R. 794, for the relief of Allan Bolor Kelley; H.R. 357, for the relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic; H.R. 824, for the relief of Daniel Wachira; H.R. 1857, for the relief of Bartosz Kumor; H.R. 3120, the “Student Visa Reform Act”; and the “Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization and the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act”; and the Third Semiannual Activity Report of the Committee on the Judiciary for the 112th Congress, 12 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 5987, the “Manhattan Project National Historical Park Act”; H.R. 624, the “First State National Historic Park Act”; H.R. 3640, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire not more than 18 acres of land and interests in land in Mariposa, California, and for other purposes; H.R. 4109, the “Los Padres Conservation and Recreation Act of 2012”; H.R. 4334, the “Organ Mountains National Monument Establishment Act”; H.R. 4484, the “Y Mountain Access Enhancement Act”; H.R. 5319, the “Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Study Act”; H.R. 5958, to name the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Contact Station of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge unit of Gateway National Recre-

ation Area in honor of James L. Buckley; 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations hearing entitled “Assessment of the Transition from a Military to a Civilian-Led Mission in Iraq”, 9:15 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee of TARP, Financial Services and Bailout of Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled “The JOBS Act in Action Part II: Overseeing Effective Implementation of the JOBS Act at the SEC”, 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform hearing entitled, “Mandate Madness: When Sue and Settle Just Isn’t Enough”, 9 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 5856, the “Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2013”; H.R. 6020 the “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2013”; and adoption of Rules Committee Activity Report for the 3rd Quarter of the 112 Congress, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Strengthening the Scientific Backbone of the EPA: An Examination of Agency Practices and Foundations for Regulations Affecting the American Economy”, and adoption of the 3rd Semiannual Report of the Activities of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight and Subcommittee on Energy and Environment joint hearing entitled “Continuing Oversight of the Nation’s Weather Satellite Programs: An Update on JPSS and GOES-R”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “Unlocking Opportunities: Recidivism versus Fair Competition in Federal Contracting”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Review of the Delays and Problems Associated with TSA’s Transportation Worker Identification Credential”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, markup of H.R. 4115, the “Helping Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Return to Employment at Home Act”; H.R. 3524, the “Disabled Veterans Employment Protection Act”; H.R. 4057, the “Improving Transparency of Education Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2012”; H.R. 4740, the “Fairness for Military Homeowners Act of 2012”; and H.R. 5747, the “Military Family Home Protection Act”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 5949, the “FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization Act of 2012”; and adoption of the Semiannual Committee Activity Report, 9 a.m. HVC-304 Capitol. A portion of this hearing will be closed.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 28

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, June 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: The Majority Leader will be recognized. Senate expects to resume consideration of S. 1940, Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of House Report 112–546 and an accompanying resolution (Subject to a Rule) and H. Res. 706—Authorizing the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to initiate or intervene in judicial proceedings to enforce certain subpoenas (Subject to a Rule). Resume consideration of H.R. 5972—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013.

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