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## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert F. Godec, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya, and Deborah Ann McCarthy, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 2 public bills, H.R. 6609–6610; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 141; and H. Res. 819–820 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 821, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6429) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote innovation, investment, and research in the United States, to eliminate the diversity immigrant program, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 112–697).

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Kenneth Johnson, Seaman United Methodist Church, Seaman, Ohio.

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Garamendi, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Natural Resources, and accepted a position on the Committee on Agriculture.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:29 p.m. and reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

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

**Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building Designation Act:** H.R. 6604, to designate the federal building currently known as Federal Office Building 8, located at 200 C Street Southwest in the District of Columbia, as the "Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building";

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**Trinka Davis Veterans Village Designation Act:** H.R. 6374, to designate the facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 180 Martin Drive in Carrollton, Georgia, as the "Trinka Davis Veterans Village";

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**National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson Post Office Designation Act:** 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";

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**Lance Cpl. Anthony A. DiLisio Clinton-Macomb Carrier Annex:** H.R. 5738, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15285 Samohin Drive in Macomb, Michigan, as the "Lance Cpl. Anthony A. DiLisio Clinton-Macomb Carrier Annex";

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**Private First Class Victor A. Dew Post Office Designation Act:** H.R. 3892, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8771 Auburn Folsom Road in Roseville, California, as the "Private First Class Victor A. Dew Post Office";

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8771 Auburn Folsom Road in Roseville, California, as the 'Lance Corporal Victor A. Dew Post Office.'"

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**Harry T. and Harriette Moore Post Office Designation Act:** 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";

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**Brigadier General Nathaniel Woodhull Post Office Building Designation Act:** 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"; and

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**Sergeant Leslie H. Sabo, Jr. Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 5954, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

320 7th Street in Ellwood City, Pennsylvania, as the “Sergeant Leslie H. Sabo, Jr. Post Office Building”.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:17 p.m. and reconvened at 5:39 p.m.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6486.

**Senate Referral:** S. 3642 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### OPTIONS TO COMBAT HEALTH CARE WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining Options to Combat Health Care Waste, Fraud and Abuse”. Testimony was heard from Kathleen M. King, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

### MUSIC LICENSING PART ONE: LEGISLATION IN THE 112TH CONGRESS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Music Licensing Part One: Legislation in the 112th Congress”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### STEM JOBS ACT OF 2012

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 6429, the “STEM Jobs Act of 2012”. The Committee granted a closed rule for H.R. 6429. The rule provides 90 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–34, as modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Section 2 provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of December 6, 2012, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules. Testimony was heard from Chairman Smith, TX, and

Representatives Zoe Lofgren, CA, Jackson-Lee, TX, and Gutierrez.

### NATIONAL PRIORITIES FOR SOLAR AND SPACE PHYSICS RESEARCH AND APPLICATIONS FOR SPACE WEATHER PREDICTION

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled “National Priorities for Solar and Space Physics Research and Applications for Space Weather Prediction”. Testimony was heard from Charles J. Gay, Deputy Associate Administrator, Science Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Laura Furgione, Acting Assistant Administrator for Weather Services and Acting Director, National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and a public witness.

### REVIEW OF AMTRAK’S STRUCTURAL REORGANIZATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Getting Back on Track: A Review of Amtrak’s Structural Reorganization”. Testimony was heard from Joseph H. Boardman, President and Chief Executive Officer; Ted Alves, Inspector General; and a public witness.

### VA CONFERENCE SPENDING ACCOUNTABILITY

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “VA Conference Spending Accountability”. Testimony was heard from W. Scott Gould, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs; W. Todd Grams, Executive in Charge, Office of Management Chief Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Phillipa Anderson, Assistant General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D942)

H.R. 2606, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area. Signed on November 27, 2012. (Public Law 112–197)

H.R. 4114, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2012, the rates of compensation for veterans with