

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, December 15th:

International Protecting Girls by Preventing Child Marriage Act of 2010: S. 987, to protect girls in developing countries through the prevention of child marriage, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 166 nays, Roll No. 645. **Pages H8551–52**

Middle Class Tax Relief Act of 2010: The House concurred in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4853, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, by a recorded vote of 277 yeas to 148 noes, Roll No. 647. **Pages H8532–34, H8545–51, H8552–95**

Prior to the declaration of the House into the Committee of the Whole pursuant to H. Res. 1766, the Chair noted that the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 4853) contains: an emergency designation for purposes of pay-as-you-go principles under clause 10(c) of rule 21 and an emergency designation pursuant to section 4(g)(1) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010. Accordingly, the Chair put the question of consideration under clause 10(c)(3) of rule 21, and under section 4(g)(2) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010. It was subsequently agreed to proceed with consideration of the Senate amendment by voice vote. **Page H8552**

Rejected:

Levin amendment to the Senate amendment (printed in H. Rept. 111–682) that sought to strike Title III of the Senate amendment to H.R. 4583 and amend the bill to provide two years of estate tax relief at 2009 levels. In calendar years 2011 and 2012, the estate tax exemption amount would be \$3.5 million (\$7 million total for a married couple) and the maximum tax rate on estates would be 45%. Additionally, the amendment would provide estates from decedents in 2010 with the ability to elect to be treated under the 2009 levels or to be treated under current law for tax purposes. This election would allow estates to receive a step up in basis on inherited property rather than the 2010 carryover basis rules. The exemption level and rate are consistent with the estate tax proposal included in the President's FY2010 and FY2011 Budgets. Under the Senate amendment to H.R. 4583, the bill would provide two years of estate tax relief with a \$5 million estate tax exemption (\$10 million total for a married couple) and a maximum rate of 35%. The amendment saves \$23 billion, and affects 6,600 es-

tates in 2011 which would receive an average additional tax cut of more than \$1.5 million under the Senate bill (by a recorded vote of 194 yeas to 233 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 646).

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H. Res. 1766, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 214 yeas to 201 noes, Roll No. 644. **Page H8551**

Agreed to the Slaughter amendment to the rule by a recorded vote of 230 yeas to 186 noes, Roll No. 643, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H8550–51**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8534.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8532, H8543, H8543–44, H8544–45, H8550–51, H8551, H8551–52, H8594 and H8594–95. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:05 a.m. on Friday, December 17th.

Committee Meetings

ESPIONAGE ACT/WIKILEAKS

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on the Espionage Act and the Legal and Constitutional Issues Raised by WikiLeaks. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolution reported through the legislative day of December 24, 2010. The rule authorizes the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time through the legislative day of December 24, 2010. The Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to section 2 of the resolution.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1193)

H.R. 4387, to designate the Federal building located at 100 North Palafox Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the “Winston E. Arnow Federal Building”. Signed on December 14, 2010. (Public Law 111–297)

H.R. 5651, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 515 9th Street in Rapid City, South Dakota, as the “Andrew W. Bogue Federal Building and United States Courthouse”. Signed on December 14, 2010. (Public Law 111–298)

H.R. 5706, to designate the building occupied by the Government Printing Office located at 31451 East United Avenue in Pueblo, Colorado, as the “Frank Evans Government Printing Office Building”. Signed on December 14, 2010. (Public Law 111–299)

H.R. 5758, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 Government Center in Fall River, Massachusetts, as the “Sergeant Robert Barrett Post Office Building”. Signed on December 14, 2010. (Public Law 111–300)

H.R. 5773, to designate the Federal building located at 6401 Security Boulevard in Baltimore, Maryland, commonly known as the Social Security Administration Operations Building, as the “Robert M. Ball Federal Building”. Signed on December 14, 2010. (Public Law 111–301)

H.R. 6162, to provide research and development authority for alternative coinage materials to the Secretary of the Treasury, increase congressional oversight over coin production, and ensure the continuity of certain numismatic items. Signed on December 14, 2010. (Public Law 111–302)

H.R. 6166, to authorize the production of palladium bullion coins to provide affordable opportunities for investments in precious metals. Signed on December 14, 2010. (Public Law 111–303)

H.R. 6237, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1351 2nd Street in Napa, California, as the “Tom Kongsgaard Post Office Building”. Signed on December 14, 2010. (Public Law 111–304)

H.R. 6387, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 337 West Clark Street in Eureka, California, as the “Sam Sacco Post Office Building”. Signed on December 14, 2010. (Public Law 111–305)

S. 1338, to require the accreditation of English language training programs. Signed on December 14, 2010. (Public Law 111–306)

S. 1421, to amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of carp. Signed on December 14, 2010. (Public Law 111–307)

S. 3250, to provide for the training of Federal building personnel. Signed on December 14, 2010. (Public Law 111–308)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 17, 2010**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.