Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 538–564, and S. Res. 98–100.

Measures Considered:

SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, March 10, 2011, a vote on cloture will occur immediately following the Senate’s action in Executive Session on Monday, March 14, 2011.

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

Boasberg Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, March 14, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of James Emanuel Boasberg, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and that there be one hour for debate, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 38), Max Oliver Cogburn, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.

Timothy J. Feighery, of New York, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for a term expiring September 30, 2012.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Christopher B. Howard, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years.

Dereth Britt Glance, of New York, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

Richard M. Moy, of Montana, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

Daniel Benjamin Shapiro, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Israel.

A routine list in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Messages from the House:

Executive Communications:

Executive Reports of Committees:

Additional Cosponsors:

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

Additional Statements:

Authorities for Committees to Meet:

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—38)

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:35 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2011. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1568.)
Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation.

**APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Eric H. Holder Jr., Attorney General of the United States, Department of Justice.

**APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

**U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States, after receiving testimony from James R. Clapper, Jr., Director of National Intelligence; Andrew M. Gibb, National Intelligence Officer for Weapons of Mass Destruction; and Lieutenant General Ronald L. Burgess, Jr., USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

**U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION BUDGET**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Securities and Exchange Commission, after receiving testimony from Mary Schapiro, Chairman, United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

**DEFENSE AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET**

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for defense and international affairs, after receiving testimony from William J. Lynn III, Deputy Secretary of Defense; and Thomas R. Nides, Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Philip E. Coyle III, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, who was introduced by Senator Portman, Frances M.D. Gulland, of California, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, and Ann D. Begeman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION BILLS**


**CHILD WELFARE WAIVERS**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine innovations in child welfare waivers, focusing on a pathway to reform, after receiving testimony from Crystal Ward Allen, Public Children Services Association of Ohio, Columbus; William C. Bell, Casey Family Programs, Seattle, Washington; Isha McNeely, Portland, Oregon; and Joscelynn Murdock, Santa Barbara, California.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.
INFORMATION SHARING IN THE ERA OF WIKILEAKS
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine information sharing in the era of WikiLeaks, focusing on balancing security and collaboration, after receiving testimony from Patrick Kennedy, Under Secretary of State for Management; Teresa Takai, Chief Information Officer, and Acting Assistant Secretary for Networks and Information Integration, and Thomas Ferguson, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Intelligence, both of the Department of Defense; and Corin R. Stone, Intelligence Community Information Sharing Executive, and Kshemendra Paul, Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment, both of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

BRIDGEPOINT EDUCATION, INC.
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Bridgepoint Education, Inc., focusing on a case study in for-profit education and oversight, after receiving testimony from Kathleen S. Tighe, Inspector General, Department of Education; Arlie Thoreson Willems, Practitioner Preparation, Anamosa, Iowa; Sylvia Manning, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools Higher Learning Commission, Chicago, Illinois; and Jose Cruz, Education Trust, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING
Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:
S. 193, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act, with amendments; and
The nominations of Caitlin Joan Halligan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit; Jimmie V. Reyna, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit; John A. Kronstadt, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Vincent L. Briccetti, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Arenda L. Wright Allen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Michael Francis Urbanski, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE
Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.
Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action
Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 39 public bills, H.R. 992–1030; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 160–164, were introduced.

Additional Cosponsors:

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:
H.R. 658, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, and to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–29).

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Latta to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

Recess: The House recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.