

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 1249–1275; 3 private bills, H.R. 1276, H. Res. 191–192; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 51–52; and H. Res. 187–188, 190, were introduced.

Pages H2105–07

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H2108–09

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 189, providing for consideration of the bill (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, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–46).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

Pages H2047–48

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 309 yeas to 107 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 201.

Pages H2048, H2059–60

Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act: The House passed H.R. 471, to reauthorize the DC opportunity scholarship program, by a recorded vote of 225 yeas to 195 noes, Roll No. 204.

Pages H2060–82

Rejected the Cummings motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 185 yeas to 238 noes, Roll No. 203.

Pages H2080–82

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

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Rejected: Norton amendment in the nature of a substitute (printed in H. Rept. 112–45) that sought to redirect the religious and other private school voucher funding to District of Columbia public schools and District of Columbia public charter schools (by a yea-and-nay vote of 185 yeas to 237 nays, Roll No. 202).

Pages H2074–79

H. Res. 186, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of

235 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 200, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 199.

Pages H2050–59

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2011: H.R. 872, amended, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters.

Pages H2083–91

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2082.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2058, H2058–59, H2059, H2079, H2081–82, and H2082. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Michael T. Scuse, Acting Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Department of Agriculture.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Office of Justice Programs, FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Laurie O. Robinson, Assistant Attorney General.

DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on National Guard and Reserve Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Review. Testimony was heard from General Craig R. McKinley, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Lieutenant General Harry M. Wyatt III, Director, Air National Guard; Lieutenant General Jack C. Stultz, Chief, Army Reserve, and Commanding General, U.S. Army Reserve Command;

and Major General Raymond W. Carpenter, Acting Director, Army National Guard.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Energy—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Fossil Energy, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Energy officials: Henry Kelly, Acting Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Patricia Hoffman, Assistant Secretary for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; and Victor Der, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Request for U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Testimony was heard from Rajiv Shah, USAID Administrator.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Bureau of Indian Affairs FY 2012 Budget Oversight. Testimony was heard from Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs; Michael S. Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and Keith Moore, Director, Bureau of Indian Education.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Energy—Environmental Management, Legacy Management, FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from Ines Triay, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management; and David Geiser, Acting Director, Office of Legacy Management.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on FCC FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from Julius Genachowski, Chairman, FCC.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Department of Homeland Security—Science and Technology—Budget. Testimony was heard from Tara O’Toole, Under Secretary for Science and Technology.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans’ Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2012 Quality of Life in the Military. Testimony was heard from CMSAF James A. Roy, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force; Sergeant Major Raymond F. Chandler III, Sergeant Major of the Army; Sergeant Major Carlton W. Kent, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps; and Master Chief Petty Officer Rick West, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy.

TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies held a hearing on Federal Highway Administrator FY 2012 Oversight and Budget. Testimony was heard from Victor Mendez, Office of the Federal Highway Administrator.

FY 2012 BUDGET: U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND, U.S. NORTHERN COMMAND, AND U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on the fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget requests from the U.S. Southern Command, U.S. Northern Command, and U.S. European Command. Testimony was heard from ADM James G. Stavridis, USN, Commander, U.S. European Command, NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe; Gen. Douglas M. Fraser, USAF, Commander, U.S. Southern Command; and Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN, Commander, U.S. Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command.

MEMBER’S DAY

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member’s Day.” Testimony was heard from Members of the 112th Congress.

COST OF PPACA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “True Cost of PPACA: Effects on the Budget and Jobs.” Testimony was heard from Doug Elmendorf, Director, CBO; Rick Foster, Chief Actuary, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS; and public witnesses.

COSTS OF IMPLEMENTING THE DODD-FRANK ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Costs of Implementing the Dodd-Frank Act: Budgetary and Economic.” Testimony was heard

from Jill E. Sommers, Commissioner, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Douglas W. Elmen-dorf, Director, CBO; Jeffrey Lacker, President, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond; and public witnesses.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Public Safety Communications: Are the Needs of Our First Responders Being Met?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PATRIOT ACT—PERMANENT PROVISIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “The Permanent Provisions of the PATRIOT Act.” Testimony was heard from Todd Hinnen, Acting Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

AMERICA INVESTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing on “America Invests” legislation. Testimony was heard from David Kappos, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, Director, Patent and Trademark Office; and public witnesses.

FY 2012 BUDGET—BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT, REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing on Examining the Spending Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE), and the President’s FY 2012 Budget Proposal. Testimony was heard from Michael R. Bromwich, Director, Bureau of Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement.

HAS DODD-FRANK ENDED TOO BIG TO FAIL?

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services, and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs held a hearing entitled “Has Dodd-Frank Ended Too Big to Fail?” Testimony was heard from Neil Barofsky, Special Treasury Department Inspector General to oversee the Troubled Assets Relief Program; and Timothy Massad, Acting Assistant Secretary for Financial Stability, Department of the Treasury.

UNFUNDED MANDATES AND REGULATORY OVERREACH

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Inter-

governmental Relations and Procurement held a hearing on “Unfunded Mandates and Regulatory Overreach Part II.” Testimony was heard from Joni Cutler, State Senator, South Dakota; and public witnesses.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION AND REFORM ACT OF 2011

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a record vote of 5 to 4, a structured rule, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 658) FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011. The rule provides one hour of general debate with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules committee Print dated March 22, 2011. The amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides on motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Mica; Rep. Rahall; Rep. Petri; Rep. Costello; Rep. LoBiondo; Rep. Hirono; Rep. Shuster; Rep. Richardson; Rep. Waters; Rep. LaTourette, Rep. Schweikert; Rep. Sherman; Rep. Matheson; and Rep. Schiff.

NASA'S EXPLORATION PROGRAM

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on A Review of NASA's Exploration Program in Transition: Issues for Congress and Industry. Testimony was heard from Douglas Cooke, Associate Administrator, Exploration systems Mission Directorate, NASA; and public witnesses.

REDUCING FEDERAL AGENCY OVERREACH

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Reducing Federal Agency Overreach: Modernizing the Regulatory Flexibility Act." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit continued a hearing entitled "Improving and Reforming the Nation's Surface Transportation Programs." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled "Improving the Nations's Response to Catastrophic Disasters: How to Minimize Costs and Streamline our Emergency Management Programs." Testimony was heard from Sherwood Boehlert, former Member of Congress; John Njord, Executive Director, Department of Transportation, Utah; and public witnesses.

JOB CREATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on government policies and actions that are impediments to job creation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PENDING TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH PANAMA

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on pending trade agreement with Panama. Testimony was heard from Miriam Sapiro, Deputy Representative, Office of the United States Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Library of Congress (LOC) and Open World Leadership Center, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Operation Odyssey Dawn and the situation in Libya, 2:15 p.m., SD-G50.

Committee on the Budget: Business meeting to consider the nomination of Heather A. Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: To hold hearings to examine S. 629, to improve hydropower, S. 630, to promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy research and development, and Title I, subtitle D of the American Clean Energy Leadership Act of 2009, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Army Corps of Engineers, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: To hold hearings to examine Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2011, focusing on breaking down barriers, creating economic growth, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine counternarcotics and citizen security in the Americas, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the situation in Libya, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: To hold hearings to examine improving safety at dangerous mines one year after Upper Big Branch, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine drug gangs' ever evolving tactics to penetrate the border and the Federal government's ability to stop them, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Business meeting to consider S. 222, to limit investor and homeowner losses in foreclosures, S. 216, to increase criminal penalties for certain knowing and international violations relating to food that