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### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing on H.R. 1946, the “Preserving Our Hometown Independent Pharmacies Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from Rich Feinstein, Director of the Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission; and public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing on the following: H.R. 1917, the “Joint Ventures for Bird Habitat Conservation Act of 2011”; H.R. 1960, the “North American Wetlands Conservation Extension Act 2011”; and H.R. 3074, the “Cormorant Management and Natural Resources Protection Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Peterson and Klein (MN); Jerome Ford, Assistant Director for Migratory Birds, Fish and Wildlife Service; Jimmy Anthony, Assistant Secretary, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; Robert Ellis, Deputy Director, Bureau of Wildlife Resources, Virginia Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; and public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following: H.R. 1241, the “Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area Establishment Act”; H.R. 1818, the “Mt. Andrea Lawrence Designation Act of 2011”; H.R. 2984, the “Maine Coastal Islands Wilderness Act of 2011”; and H.R. 4234, the “Grazing Improvement Act of 2012”. Testimony was heard from Representative Luján; Leslie A. C. Weldon, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Mike Pool, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior; and public witnesses.

### SECURITY POLICY JEOPARDIZING USAID RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND PERSONNEL IN AFGHANISTAN

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense, and Foreign Operations held a hearing entitled “Are Changes in Security Policy Jeopardizing USAID Reconstruction Projects and Personnel in Afghanistan?”. Testimony was heard from Steven Trent, Acting Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Re-

construction; and J. Alexander Their, Assistant to the Administrator for the Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, USAID.

### FEDERALLY FUNDED RESEARCH: EXAMINING PUBLIC ACCESS AND SCHOLARLY PUBLICATION INTERESTS

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Federally Funded Research: Examining Public Access and Scholarly Publication Interests”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following: H.R. 4142, the “American Heroes COLA Act”; H.R. 4114, the “Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2012”; H.R. 2051, the “Veterans Missing in America Act of 2011”; H.R. 2498, the “Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act”; H.R. 2377, the “Rating and Processing Individuals' Disability Claims Act”; H.R. 2717, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate one city in the United States each year as an ‘American World War II City’, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4168, the “Caring for the Fallen Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Guinta; Frank (MA); McIntyre; and Donnelly; Colonel Thomas Moe, Director, Ohio Department of Veterans Services; Max Cleland, Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission; Thomas Murphy, Director of Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration; and public witnesses.

### INDIVIDUAL AND EMPLOYER MANDATES IN THE DEMOCRATS' HEALTH CARE LAW

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on individual and employer mandates in the Democrats' health care law. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

## Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, April 2

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Friday, March 30

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will meet in pro forma session.

Unless the Senate has received a message from the House of Representatives that the House has adopted S. Con. Res. 38, Adjournment Resolution. And if the Senate has received such a message, the Senate stand adjourned until 2 p.m., on Monday, April 16, 2012.

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** The House will meet in pro forma session at 11 a.m.

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