

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2013.

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 3646–3655; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 68–69; and H. Res. 430, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:32 p.m. and reconvened at 2:02 p.m.

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**Small Business Capital Access and Job Preservation Act:** The House passed H.R. 1105, to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to provide a registration exemption for private equity fund advisers, by a recorded vote of 254 ayes to 159 noes, Roll No. 622.

Pages H7470–91

Rejected the Horsford motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 621.

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Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–29 shall be considered as adopted.

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Rejected:

Carolyn B. Maloney (NY) amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–283) that sought to require private equity fund advisers to register with the SEC, but direct the SEC to create a simplified registration and disclosure regime for small private equity fund advisers (by a ye-and-nay vote of 186 yeas to 225 nays, Roll No. 620).

Pages H7486–88

H. Res. 429, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3309) and (H.R. 1105), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 619, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 618.

Pages H7461–69, H7469–70

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, December 5th.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two ye-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7469, H7469–70, H7487–88, H7489–90, and H7490. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

### Committee Meetings

#### EXAMINING RECENT ACTIONS BY THE OFFICE OF FEDERAL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protection held a hearing

entitled “Examining Recent Actions by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs”. Testimony was heard from Patricia A. Shiu, Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

#### **WHAT BENEFICIARIES SHOULD EXPECT UNDER THE PRESIDENT’S HEALTH CARE PLAN**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Medicare Advantage: What Beneficiaries Should Expect Under the President’s Health Care Plan”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **EXAMINING REGULATORY RELIEF PROPOSALS FOR COMMUNITY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Examining Regulatory Relief Proposals for Community Financial Institutions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD BURMA**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Oversight of U.S. Policy Toward Burma”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **TUNISIA THREE YEARS AFTER THE REVOLUTION**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Transition at a Crossroads: Tunisia Three Years After the Revolution”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **GPO IN 2023: KEEPING AMERICA INFORMED IN A POST-PRINT WORLD**

*Committee on House Administration:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “GPO in 2023: Keeping America Informed in a Post-Print World”. Testimony was heard from Davita Vance-Cooks, Public Printer, Government Printing Office.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3627, the “Kilah Davenport Child Protection Act of 2013”; and H.R. 1447, the “Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2013”. The bills H.R. 3627 and H.R. 1447 were ordered reported, without amendment.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a markup on the following measures: H.R. 915, to

authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; H.R. 1425, the “Marine Debris Emergency Act of 2013”; H.R. 1491, to authorize the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities undertaken to address the marine debris impacts of the March 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami, and for other purposes; H.R. 2319, the “Native American Veterans’ Memorial Amendments Act of 2013”; H.R. 3286, the “Protecting States, Opening National Parks Act”; and S. 230, to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1425; H.R. 1491; and H.R. 2319. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 915; H.R. 3286; and S. 230.

#### **ROLL OUT OF HEALTHCARE.GOV**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Roll Out of HealthCare.gov: The Limitations of Big Government”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **ASTROBIOLOGY: SEARCH FOR BIOSIGNATURES IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM AND BEYOND**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Astrobiology: Search for Biosignatures in our Solar System and Beyond?”. Testimony was heard from Mary Voytek, Senior Scientist for Astrobiology, Planetary Science Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Steven Dick, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

#### **EFFECT OF THE BUSINESS AGGREGATION RULES ON SMALL EMPLOYERS**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Health Care Law: The Effect of the Business Aggregation Rules on Small Employers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3578, to ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of an airman or an air traffic controller for a sleep disorder is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding, and for other purposes; H.R. 3628, the “Transportation Reports Elimination Act of 2013”; and General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions. H.R. 3578 was ordered reported,

as amended. H.R. 3628 was ordered reported, without amendment; and the resolutions regarding GSA were approved.

### ADJUDICATING VA'S MOST COMPLEX DISABILITY CLAIMS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled "Adjudicating VA's Most Complex Disability Claims: Ensuring Quality, Accuracy and Consistency on Complicated Issues". Testimony was heard from Tom Murphy, Director, Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

### STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means*: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "The Status of the Implementation of the Affordable Care Act". Testimony was heard from Mike Kreidler, Insurance Commissioner, Office of Insurance Commissioner, State of Washington; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2013

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "Evaluating the Role of FERC in a Changing Energy Landscape", 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "Their Daughters Appeal to Beijing: 'Let Our Fathers Go!'", 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 1604, the "Map It Once, Use It Many Times Act"; and H.R. 916, the "Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform Act of 2013", 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, markup on the following measures: H.R. 2413, the "Weather Forecasting Improvement Act of 2013"; H.R. 2431, the "National Integrated Drought Information System Reauthorization Act of 2013"; H.R. 2981, the "Technology and Research Accelerating National Security and Future Economic Resiliency Act of 2013"; and H.R. 3625, to provide for termination liability costs for certain National Aeronautics and Space Administration projects, and for other purposes, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access, hearing entitled "Where Are We Now? Examining the Post-Recession Small Business Lending Environment", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Intelligence Update", 9:30 a.m., 304-HVC. This is a closed hearing.