

of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and Anthony J. Battaglia, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations and Senate then resume legislative session. **Page S1242**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Daniel L. Shields III, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.

Pamela L. Spratlen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic.

Eric G. Postel, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Sue Kathrine Brown, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Montenegro.

David Lee Carden, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank of Ambassador. **Pages S1242–S1243**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—31) **Page S1183**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Frank W. Buckles, in accordance with S. Res. 89, at 6:39 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, March 4, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1243.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the implementation of Title VII of the "Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act", after receiving

testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Jill Harlan, Caterpillar, Inc., Peoria, Illinois, on behalf of the Coalition for Derivatives End-Users; Terrence A. Duffy, CME Group Inc., Chicago, Illinois; Larry Thompson, The Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation (DTCC), and Steven M. Bunkin, Goldman, Sachs and Co., both of New York, New York; and Michael Greenberger, University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

### APPROPRIATIONS: OFFICE OF THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL AND THE OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and the Office of Compliance, after receiving testimony from Stephen T. Ayers, Architect of the Capitol; and Tamara E. Chrisler, Executive Director, Office of Compliance.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of General Martin E. Dempsey, USA for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff, United States Army, Department of Defense, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Reed, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation.

### USDA FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom

Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

### GLOBAL ECONOMY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine navigating a turbulent global economy, focusing on implications for the United States, after receiving testimony from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 49, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads; and

The nominations of Mae A. D'Agostino, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, and Timothy J. Feighery, of New York, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, Department of Justice.

### MINORITY ACCESS TO CAPITAL AND CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine exploring mi-

nority access to capital and contracting opportunities, focusing on the importance of effective fraud prevention controls, after receiving testimony from Marie C. Johns, Deputy Administrator, and Peggy E. Gustafson, Inspector General, both of the U.S. Small Business Administration; Gregory D. Kutz, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; Robert W. Fairlie, University of California, Santa Cruz; Marc H. Morial, National Urban League, New York, New York; Susan Au Allen, US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation (USPAACC), and B. Doyle Mitchell, National Bankers Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Martha Montoya, Los Kitos Produce, Santa Ana, California, on behalf of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

### 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.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 46 public bills, H.R. 891–936; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 45–46 ; H. Con. Res. 24–26; and H. Res. 140–146 were introduced. **Pages H1573–75**

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

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Poe (TX) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1527**

**Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act of 2011:** The House passed H.R. 4, to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations, by a recorded vote of 314 ayes to 112 noes, Roll No. 162. **Pages H1529–53**

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the McNerney motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an

amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 161. **Pages H1549–53**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in H.R. 705 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H1529**

H. Res. 129, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, March 2nd.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. tomorrow; when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday, March 8th, when it shall convene at 2 p.m. for morning hour and 4 p.m. for legislative business; and when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 9th. **Page H1556**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1571.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings