

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

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

H.R. 2219, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

An original bill (S. 1572) making appropriations for Departments of Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012;

An original bill (S. 1573) making appropriations for Financial Services and General Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012;

An original bill (H.R. 2551) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012.

### ECONOMIC POLICY

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine policy prescriptions for the economy, after receiving testimony from Mark Zandi, Moody's Analytics, West Chester, Pennsylvania; and Chad Stone, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and Kevin A. Hassett, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gregory Howard Woods, of New York, to be General Counsel, David T. Danielson, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and LaDoris Guess Harris, of Georgia, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, all of the Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### TAX REFORM OPTIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax reform options, focusing on promoting retirement security, after receiving testimony from Jack VanDerhei, Employee Benefit Research Institute, William G. Gale, Brookings Institution Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, and Karen Friedman, Pension Rights Center, all of Washington, D.C.; and Judy A. Miller, American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries, Arlington, Virginia.

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine improving financial accountability at the Department of Defense, focusing on ongoing challenges in implementing the financial improvement and audit readiness plan, after receiving testimony from Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary, and Comptroller, Elizabeth A. McGrath, Deputy Chief Management Officer, Gladys J. Commons, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management, and Comptroller, Mary Sally Matiella, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management, and Comptroller, and Jamie M. Morin, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management, and Comptroller, all of the Department of Defense; and Asif A. Khan, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office.

## EMPLOYMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of employment for people with the most significant disabilities, after receiving testimony from Katy Beh Neas, Easter Seals Office of Public Affairs, and Jonathan Young, National Council on Disability, both of Washington, D.C.; Fredric Schroeder, San Diego State University Interwork Institute, San Diego, California; Ruby Moore, Georgia Advocacy Office, Decatur; Janet Samuelson, ServiceSource, Alexandria, Virginia; Michael Pearson, Union Packaging, LLC, Yeadon, Pennsylvania; Julie Petty, Fayetteville, Arkansas; and Deb Pumphrey, Ottumwa, Iowa.

## TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine tribal transportation, focusing on paving the way for jobs, infrastructure, and safety in native communities, after receiving testimony from John R. Baxter, Associate Administrator for Federal Lands, Federal Highway Administration, and Robert Sparrow, Indian Reservation Roads Program Manager, Office of Federal Lands Highways, both of the Department of Transportation; Paul Tsosie, Chief of Staff, Office of the Assistant Secretary, and Leroy Gishi, Chief, Division of Transportation, both of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Jefferson Keel, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; C. John Healy Sr., Intertribal Transportation Association, Harlem, Montana; Charles W. Murphy, and Pete Red Tomahawk, both

of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Fort Yates, North Dakota; Wes Martel, and John P. Smith, both of the Eastern Shoshone Business Council, Fort Washakie, Wyoming; Paulson Chaco, Navajo Nation Division of Transportation, Window Rock, Arizona; and Jacque Hostler, Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria, Trinidad, California.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Edgardo Ramos, of Connecticut, Andrew L. Carter, Jr., and Jesse M. Furman, all to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and James Rodney Gilstrap, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

### DISASTER RECOVERY

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine disaster recovery, focusing on evaluating the role of America's small business in rebuilding their communities, and Federal contracting in the aftermath of Hurricanes

Katrina and Rita, after receiving testimony from Albert B. Sligh, Jr., Associate Administrator, Mission Support Bureau, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Brigadier General Theodore C. Harrison, Director, National Contracting Organization, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, Department of Defense; William T. Woods, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Dale P. Rentrop, Jr., Tiger Tugz, LLC, Berwick, Louisiana; Mindy Nunez Airhart, Southern Services and Equipment, Inc., St. Bernard, Louisiana; and Terri Bennett, Missouri Southern State University Heartland Procurement Technical Assistance Center, and Sid F. Davis, Big John's Heavy Equipment, both of Joplin, Missouri.

### 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:** 30 public bills, H.R. 2935–2964; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 80; and H. Res. 400–402, were introduced. **Pages H6230–32**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H6233–34**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 399, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 79) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–207);

H.R. 2401, to require analyses of the cumulative and incremental impacts of certain rules and actions of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–208); and

H.R. 2646, to authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects and leases, to extend certain expiring provisions of law, and to modify certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–209). **Page H6230**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Poe to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6185**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of Springfield, Illinois. **Page H6185**

**Oath of Office—Second Congressional District of Nevada:** Representative-elect Mark Amodei presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter from Mr. Scott Gilles, Deputy Secretary of Elections, on behalf of Nevada Secretary of State, the Honorable Ross Miller, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held September 13, 2011, the Honorable Mark E. Amodei was elected Representative to Congress for the Second Congressional District, State of Nevada. **Pages H6195–96**

**Oath of Office—Ninth Congressional District of New York:** Representative-elect Bob Turner presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter from Mr. Robert Brehm and Mr. Todd Valentine, Co-Executive Directors of the Board of Elections, State of New York, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held September 13, 2011, the Honorable Bob