

CORRECTION

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7937–S8008

Measures Introduced: Six bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1918–1923, and S. Res. 337–339. **Pages S7991–92**

Measures Reported:

S. 384, to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research. (S. Rept. No. 112–97) **Page S7990**

Measures Passed:

Wreaths Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 337, designating December 10, 2011, as “Wreaths Across America Day”. **Pages S8006–07**

Authorize the Production of Records: Senate agreed to S. Res. 339, to authorize the production of records by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Page S8007**

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Measures Considered:

Department of Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1867, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S7943–56, S7956–87

Adopted:

Levin/McCain Modified Amendment No. 1092, to bolster the detection and avoidance of counterfeit electronic parts. **Pages S7943, S7965–68**

Landrieu Modified Amendment No. 1115, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.)

Pages S7943, S7971–82, S7983

Rejected:

By 38 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 210), Udall (CO) Amendment No. 1107, to revise the provisions relating to detainee matters.

Pages S7943, S7944–56, S7956–57

By 30 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 211), Paul/Gillibrand Amendment No. 1064, to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

Pages S7943, S7968–71, S7982

Withdrawn:

Levin (for Brown (OH)) Amendment No. 1260, to strike section 846, relating to a waiver of “Buy American” requirements for procurement of components otherwise producible overseas with specialty metal not produced in the United States.

Pages S7944, S7984–85

Levin (for Brown (OH)) Amendment No. 1262, to clarify the meaning of “produced” for purposes of limitations on the procurement by the Department of Defense of specialty metals within the United States.

Pages S7944, S7985

Pending:

Merkley Amendment No. 1174, to express the sense of Congress regarding the expedited transition of responsibility for military and security operations in Afghanistan to the Government of Afghanistan.

Pages S7943, S7984

Feinstein Amendment No. 1125, to clarify the applicability of requirements for military custody with respect to detainees.

Pages S7943, S7961–65

Feinstein Amendment No. 1126, to limit the authority of the Armed Forces to detain citizens of the United States under section 1031.

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Franken Amendment No. 1197, to require contractors to make timely payments to subcontractors that are small business concerns.

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Cardin/Mikulski Amendment No. 1073, to prohibit expansion or operation of the District of Columbia National Guard Youth Challenge Program in Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

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Begich Amendment No. 1114, to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize space-available travel on military aircraft for members of the reserve

components, a member or former member of a reserve component who is eligible for retired pay but for age, widows and widowers of retired members, and dependents. **Page S7943**

Begich Amendment No. 1149, to authorize a land conveyance and exchange at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska. **Page S7943**

Shaheen Amendment No. 1120, to exclude cases in which pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest from the prohibition on funding of abortions by the Department of Defense. **Page S7943**

Collins Amendment No. 1105, to make permanent the requirement for certifications relating to the transfer of detainees at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to foreign countries and other foreign entities. **Page S7943**

Collins Amendment No. 1155, to authorize educational assistance under the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship program for pursuit of advanced degrees in physical therapy and occupational therapy. **Page S7943**

Collins Amendment No. 1158, to clarify the permanence of the prohibition on transfers of recidivist detainees at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to foreign countries and entities. **Page S7943**

Collins/Shaheen Amendment No. 1180, relating to man-portable air-defense systems originating from Libya. **Page S7943**

Inhofe Amendment No. 1094, to include the Department of Commerce in contract authority using competitive procedures but excluding particular sources for establishing certain research and development capabilities. **Page S7943**

Inhofe Amendment No. 1095, to express the sense of the Senate on the importance of addressing deficiencies in mental health counseling. **Page S7943**

Inhofe Amendment No. 1096, to express the sense of the Senate on treatment options for members of the Armed Forces and veterans for Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. **Page S7943**

Inhofe Amendment No. 1097, to eliminate gaps and redundancies between the over 200 programs within the Department of Defense that address psychological health and traumatic brain injury. **Page S7943**

Inhofe Amendment No. 1098, to require a report on the impact of foreign boycotts on the defense industrial base. **Page S7943**

Inhofe Amendment No. 1099, to express the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should implement the recommendations of the Comptroller General of the United States regarding prevention, abatement, and data collection to address hearing in-

juries and hearing loss among members of the Armed Forces. **Page S7943**

Inhofe Amendment No. 1100, to extend to products and services from Latvia existing temporary authority to procure certain products and services from countries along a major route of supply to Afghanistan. **Page S7943**

Inhofe Amendment No. 1101, to strike section 156, relating to a transfer of Air Force C-12 aircraft to the Army. **Page S7943**

Inhofe Amendment No. 1102, to require a report on the feasibility of using unmanned aerial systems to perform airborne inspection of navigational aids in foreign airspace. **Page S7943**

Inhofe Amendment No. 1093, to require the detention at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, of high-value enemy combatants who will be detained long-term. **Page S7943**

Casey Amendment No. 1215, to require a certification on efforts by the Government of Pakistan to implement a strategy to counter improvised explosive devices. **Page S7943**

Casey Amendment No. 1139, to require contractors to notify small business concerns that have been included in offers relating to contracts let by Federal agencies. **Page S7943**

McCain (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 1200, to provide Taiwan with critically needed United States-built multirole fighter aircraft to strengthen its self-defense capability against the increasing military threat from China. **Page S7943**

McCain (for Ayotte) Amendment No. 1066, to modify the Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness Plan to provide that a complete and validated full statement of budget resources is ready by not later than September 30, 2014. **Page S7943**

McCain (for Ayotte) Modified Amendment No. 1067, to require notification of Congress with respect to the initial custody and further disposition of members of al-Qaeda and affiliated entities. **Page S7943**

McCain (for Ayotte) Amendment No. 1068, to authorize lawful interrogation methods in addition to those authorized by the Army Field Manual for the collection of foreign intelligence information through interrogations. **Page S7943**

McCain (for Brown (MA)/Boozman) Amendment No. 1119, to protect the child custody rights of members of the Armed Forces deployed in support of a contingency operation. **Page S7943**

McCain (for Brown (MA)) Amendment No. 1090, to provide that the basic allowance for housing in effect for a member of the National Guard is not reduced when the member transitions between active duty and full-time National Guard duty without a break in active service. **Page S7943**

McCain (for Brown (MA)) Amendment No. 1089, to require certain disclosures from post-secondary institutions that participate in tuition assistance programs of the Department of Defense. **Page S7943**

McCain (for Wicker) Amendment No. 1056, to provide for the freedom of conscience of military chaplains with respect to the performance of marriages. **Page S7943**

McCain (for Wicker) Amendment No. 1116, to improve the transition of members of the Armed Forces with experience in the operation of certain motor vehicles into careers operating commercial motor vehicles in the private sector. **Page S7943**

Udall (NM) Amendment No. 1153, to include ultralight vehicles in the definition of aircraft for purposes of the aviation smuggling provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930. **Page S7943**

Udall (NM) Amendment No. 1154, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish an open burn pit registry to ensure that members of the Armed Forces who may have been exposed to toxic chemicals and fumes caused by open burn pits while deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq receive information regarding such exposure. **Page S7943**

Udall (NM)/Schumer Amendment No. 1202, to clarify the application of the provisions of the Buy American Act to the procurement of photovoltaic devices by the Department of Defense. **Page S7943**

McCain (for Corker) Amendment No. 1171, to prohibit funding for any unit of a security force of Pakistan if there is credible evidence that the unit maintains connections with an organization known to conduct terrorist activities against the United States or United States allies. **Page S7943**

McCain (for Corker) Amendment No. 1172, to require a report outlining a plan to end reimbursements from the Coalition Support Fund to the Government of Pakistan for operations conducted in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. **Page S7943**

McCain (for Corker) Amendment No. 1173, to express the sense of the Senate on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. **Page S7943**

Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1117, to provide for national security benefits for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss. **Page S7943**

Levin (for Gillibrand/Portman) Amendment No. 1187, to expedite the hiring authority for the defense information technology/cyber workforce. **Page S7943**

Levin (for Gillibrand/Blunt) Amendment No. 1211, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to provide assistance to State National Guards to provide counseling and reintegration services for members of reserve components of the Armed Forces ordered to active duty in support of a contingency operation,

members returning from such active duty, veterans of the Armed Forces, and their families. **Pages S7943–44**

Merkley Amendment No. 1239, to expand the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship to include spouses of members of the Armed Forces who die in the line of duty. **Page S7944**

Merkley Amendment No. 1256, to require a plan for the expedited transition of responsibility for military and security operations in Afghanistan to the Government of Afghanistan. **Page S7944**

Merkley Amendment No. 1257, to require a plan for the expedited transition of responsibility for military and security operations in Afghanistan to the Government of Afghanistan. **Page S7944**

Merkley Amendment No. 1258, to require the timely identification of qualified census tracts for purposes of the HUBZone program. **Page S7944**

Leahy Amendment No. 1087, to improve the provisions relating to the treatment of certain sensitive national security information under the Freedom of Information Act. **Page S7944**

Leahy/Grassley Amendment No. 1186, to provide the Department of Justice necessary tools to fight fraud by reforming the working capital fund. **Page S7944**

Wyden/Merkley Amendment No. 1160, to provide for the closure of Umatilla Army Chemical Depot, Oregon. **Page S7944**

Wyden Amendment No. 1253, to provide for the retention of members of the reserve components on active duty for a period of 45 days following an extended deployment in contingency operations or homeland defense missions to support their reintegration into civilian life. **Page S7944**

Ayotte (for Graham) Amendment No. 1179, to specify the number of judge advocates of the Air Force in the regular grade of brigadier general. **Page S7944**

Ayotte (for McCain) Further Modified Amendment No. 1230, to modify the annual adjustment in enrollment fees for TRICARE Prime. **Pages S7944, S7956**

Ayotte (for Heller/Kirk) Amendment No. 1137, to provide for the recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and the relocation to Jerusalem of the United States Embassy in Israel. **Page S7944**

Ayotte (for Heller) Amendment No. 1138, to provide for the exhumation and transfer of remains of deceased members of the Armed Forces buried in Tripoli, Libya. **Page S7944**

Ayotte (for McCain) Amendment No. 1247, to restrict the authority of the Secretary of Defense to develop public infrastructure on Guam until certain conditions related to Guam realignment have been met. **Page S7944**

Ayotte (for McCain) Amendment No. 1246, to establish a commission to study the United States Force Posture in East Asia and the Pacific region.

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Ayotte (for McCain) Amendment No. 1229, to provide for greater cybersecurity collaboration between the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security.

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Ayotte (for McCain/Ayotte) Amendment No. 1249, to limit the use of cost-type contracts by the Department of Defense for major defense acquisition programs.

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Ayotte (for McCain) Amendment No. 1220, to require Comptroller General of the United States reports on the Department of Defense implementation of justification and approval requirements for certain sole-source contracts.

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Ayotte (for McCain/Ayotte) Amendment No. 1132, to require a plan to ensure audit readiness of statements of budgetary resources.

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Ayotte (for McCain) Amendment No. 1248, to expand the authority for the overhaul and repair of vessels to the United States, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Ayotte (for McCain) Amendment No. 1250, to require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the probationary period in the development of the short take-off, vertical landing variant of the Joint Strike Fighter.

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Ayotte (for McCain) Amendment No. 1118, to modify the availability of surcharges collected by commissary stores.

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Sessions Amendment No. 1182, to prohibit the permanent stationing of more than two Army Brigade Combat Teams within the geographic boundaries of the United States European Command.

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Sessions Amendment No. 1183, to require the maintenance of a triad of strategic nuclear delivery systems.

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Sessions Amendment No. 1184, to limit any reduction in the number of surface combatants of the Navy below 313 vessels.

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Sessions Amendment No. 1185, to require a report on a missile defense site on the East Coast of the United States.

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Sessions Amendment No. 1274, to clarify the disposition under the law of war of persons detained by the Armed Forces of the United States pursuant to the Authorization for Use of Military Force.

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Levin (for Reed) Amendment No. 1146, to provide for the participation of military technicians (dual status) in the study on the termination of mili-

tary technician as a distinct personnel management category.

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Levin (for Reed) Amendment No. 1147, to prohibit the repayment of enlistment or related bonuses by certain individuals who become employed as military technicians (dual status) while already a member of a reserve component.

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Levin (for Reed) Amendment No. 1148, to provide rights of grievance, arbitration, appeal, and review beyond the adjutant general for military technicians.

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Levin (for Reed) Amendment No. 1204, to authorize a pilot program on enhancements of Department of Defense efforts on mental health in the National Guard and Reserves through community partnerships.

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Levin (for Reed) Amendment No. 1294, to enhance consumer credit protections for members of the Armed Forces and their dependents.

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Levin Amendment No. 1293, to authorize the transfer of certain high-speed ferries to the Navy.

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Levin (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1206, to implement common sense controls on the taxpayer-funded salaries of defense contractors.

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Chambliss Amendment No. 1304, to require a report on the reorganization of the Air Force Materiel Command.

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Levin (for Brown (OH)) Amendment No. 1259, to link domestic manufacturers to defense supply chain opportunities.

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Levin (for Brown (OH)) Amendment No. 1261, to extend treatment of base closure areas as HUBZones for purposes of the Small Business Act.

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Levin (for Brown (OH)) Amendment No. 1263, to authorize the conveyance of the John Kunkel Army Reserve Center, Warren, Ohio.

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Levin (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1080, to clarify the applicability of requirements for military custody with respect to detainees.

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Levin (for Wyden) Amendment No. 1296, to require reports on the use of indemnification agreements in Department of Defense contracts.

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Levin (for Pryor) Amendment No. 1151, to authorize a death gratuity and related benefits for Reserves who die during an authorized stay at their residence during or between successive days of inactive duty training.

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Levin (for Pryor) Amendment No. 1152, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law.

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Levin (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 1209, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation. **Page S7944**

Levin (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 1210, to require an assessment of the advisability of stationing additional DDG-51 class destroyers at Naval Station Mayport, Florida. **Page S7944**

Levin (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 1236, to require a report on the effects of changing flag officer positions within the Air Force Material Command. **Page S7944**

Levin (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 1255, to require an epidemiological study on the health of military personnel exposed to burn pit emissions at Joint Base Balad. **Page S7944**

Ayotte (for McCain) Modified Amendment No. 1281, to require a plan for normalizing defense cooperation with the Republic of Georgia. **Pages S7944, S7956**

Ayotte (for Blunt/Gillibrand) Amendment No. 1133, to provide for employment and reemployment rights for certain individuals ordered to full-time National Guard duty. **Page S7944**

Ayotte (for Blunt) Amendment No. 1134, to require a report on the policies and practices of the Navy for naming vessels of the Navy. **Page S7944**

Ayotte (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 1286, to require a Department of Defense Inspector General report on theft of computer tapes containing protected information on covered beneficiaries under the TRICARE program. **Page S7944**

Ayotte (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 1287, to provide limitations on the retirement of C-23 aircraft. **Page S7944**

Ayotte (for Rubio) Amendment No. 1290, to strike the national security waiver authority in section 1032, relating to requirements for military custody. **Page S7944**

Ayotte (for Rubio) Amendment No. 1291, to strike the national security waiver authority in section 1033, relating to requirements for certifications relating to transfer of detainees at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to foreign countries and entities. **Page S7944**

Levin (for Menendez/Kirk) Amendment No. 1414, to require the imposition of sanctions with respect to the financial sector of Iran, including the Central Bank of Iran. **Page S7944**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, with the time until 11 a.m. equally divided and controlled between Senators Levin and McCain, or their designees; provided further, that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the motion

to invoke cloture on the bill; and that the second-degree filing deadline for amendments to the bill be at 10:30 a.m. **Page S8007**

Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S8006**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—211) **Pages S7957, S7982**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:35 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8007.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 227, calling for the protection of the Mekong River Basin and increased United States support for delaying the construction of mainstream dams along the Mekong River, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 316, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Tunisia's peaceful Jasmine Revolution, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Michael Anthony McFaul, of California, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Roberta S. Jacobson, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, Adam E. Namm, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, and Elizabeth M. Cousens, of Washington, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, all of the Department of State, and promotion lists in the Foreign Service.

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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 3509–3520; and 3 resolutions, H.Res. 475–476, 478 were introduced. **Pages H7927–28**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7928–29**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 527, to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–289 Pt. 3) and

H. Res. 477, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3463) to reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions and by terminating the Election Assistance Commission; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 527) to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3010) to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (H. Rept. 112–296).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harris to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7901**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H7901, H7918**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:13 p.m. and reconvened at 4:05 p.m. **Page H7903**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act of 2011: H.R. 3012, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants and to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, by a $\frac{2}{3}$

yea-and-nay vote of 389 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 860; **Pages H7903–05, H7916–17**

National Guard and Reservist Debt Relief Extension Act of 2011: H.R. 2192, to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 861;

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Risk-Based Security Screening for Members of the Armed Forces Act: H.R. 1801, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for expedited security screenings for members of the Armed Forces, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 862; and

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Federal Workers' Compensation Modernization and Improvement Act: H.R. 2465, amended, to amend the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:03 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H7916**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7916–17, H7917, H7917–18. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began markup of the following: H.R. 1633, the “Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011”; H.R. 1173, the “Fiscal Responsibility and Retirement Security Act of 2011”; H.R. 3309, the “Federal Communications Commission Process Reform

Act of 2011”; and H.R. 3310, the “Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2011”.

**REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY
IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2011;
REGULATORY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF
2011; AND TO REDUCE FEDERAL
SPENDING AND THE DEFICIT BY
TERMINATING TAXPAYER FINANCING OF
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS
AND PARTY CONVENTIONS AND BY
TERMINATING THE ELECTION ASSISTANCE
COMMISSION**

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on the following: H.R. 527, the “Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2011”; H.R. 3010, the “Regulatory Accountability Act of 2011”; and H.R. 3463, to reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions and by terminating the Election Assistance Commission. 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

The Committee granted, by a record vote of 7 to 3, a closed rule for H.R. 3463. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The bill provides one motion to recommit.

The resolution further provides for consideration of H.R. 527 under a structured rule. 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 the Judiciary and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Small Business. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment the Rules Committee print of H.R. 527 dated November 18, 2011 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the Rules Committee Print of H.R. 527 dated November 18, 2011. The rule makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 527 printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. 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. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The resolution further provides for the consideration of H.R. 3010 under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as original text for the purpose of amendment and 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 to H.R. 3010 printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. 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. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the legislative day of December 2, 2011, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to a measure addressing railway labor.

Testimony on H.R. 527 was heard from: Rep. Gowdy; Rep. Cohen; and Rep. Jackson Lee of Texas. Testimony on H.R. 3010 was heard from: Rep. Gowdy; Rep. Cohen; and Rep. Jackson Lee of Texas. Testimony on H.R. 3463 was heard from: Rep. Harper and Rep. Brady of Pennsylvania.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ajit Varadaraj Pai, of Kansas, and Jessica Rosenworcel, of

Connecticut, both to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine a balanced budget amendment, focusing on constitutionalizing the budget debate, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs mental health care, focusing on addressing wait times and access to care, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the human and taxpayers' cost of antipsychotics in nursing homes, 2 p.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training, hearing entitled "Keeping College Within Reach: Discussing Ways Institutions Can Streamline Costs and Reduce Tuition." 10 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, continue markup of the following: H.R. 1633, the "Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011"; H.R. 1173, the "Fiscal Responsibility and Retirement Security Act of 2011"; H.R. 3309, the "Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2011"; and H.R. 3310, the "Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2011". 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing entitled "Preserving Progress in Iraq, Part III:

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House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the following suspension: H. Res. 364—Designating room HVC 215 of the Capitol Visitor Center as the “Gabriel Zimmerman Meeting Room.” Consideration of H.R. 3094—Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act (Subject to a Rule).

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