

**Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1925, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, with the first hour equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with the Majority controlling the first 30 minutes and the Republicans controlling the second 30 minutes.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—66) **Page S2349**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2012. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2454.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2013.

### APPROPRIATIONS: TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and related agencies for fiscal year 2013.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine the health and status of the Department of Defense science and technology laboratories and enterprise in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Zachary J. Lemnios, Assistant Secretary for Research and Engineering, Marilyn Freeman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology, Mary E. Lacey, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, and Steven H. Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Science, Technology and Engineering, all of the Department of Defense.

### EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Export-Import Bank reauthorization, focusing on saving American jobs and supporting American exporters, including S. 1547, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after receiving testimony from Robert Patton, Patton Electronics Co., Damascus, Maryland, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Sonya Kostadinova, Transcon Trading Co., Inc., Columbia, South Carolina, on behalf of Small Business Exporters Association; David Ickert, Air Tractor, Inc., Olney, Texas, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers; and R. Thomas Buffenbarger, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Brookeville, Maryland.

### PROMOTING AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion concluded a hearing to examine promoting American competitiveness, focusing on filling jobs today and training workers for tomorrow, after receiving testimony from Martha Kanter, Under Secretary of Education; Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training Administration; Roger D. Kilmer, Director, Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Jennifer McNelly, Manufacturing Institute, Washington, DC; Robert H. Kill, Enterprise Minnesota, Minneapolis; Monica Pfarr, American Welding Society Foundation, Miami, Florida; Lee Lambert, Shoreline Community College, Shoreline, Washington; and Don Nissanka, Exergonix, Inc., Lee’s Summit, Missouri.

**MERCURY POLLUTION'S IMPACTS**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine mercury pollution's impacts to public health and the environment, after receiving testimony from Jerome A. Paulson, American Academy of Pediatrics, Susan E. Dudley, George Washington University Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration Regulatory Studies Center, and Jeffrey R. Holmstead, Bracewell and Giuliani LLP, all of Washington, DC; Brenda Archambo, Sturgeon for Tomorrow, Cheboygan, Michigan; and Charles T. Driscoll, Syracuse University Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Syracuse, New York.

**COMPREHENSIVE CONTINGENCY CONTRACTING REFORM ACT**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine S. 2139, to enhance security, increase accountability, and improve the contracting of the Federal Government for overseas contingency operations, after receiving testimony from Senator Webb; Richard T. Ginman, Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, and Lynne M. Halbrooks, Acting Inspector General, both of the Department of Defense; Patrick F. Kennedy, Under Secretary for Management, and Harold

W. Geisel, Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, and the Broadcasting Board of Governors, both of the Department of State; and Angelique M. Crumbly, Acting Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Management, and Michael Carroll, Acting Inspector General, both of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

**ENDING RACIAL PROFILING IN AMERICA**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine ending racial profiling in America, including S. 1670, to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, after receiving testimony from Senator Cardin; Representatives Conyers, Gutierrez, Ellison, Chu, and Frederica Wilson; Ronald L. Davis, Chief of Police, East Palo Alto, California; Anthony D. Romero, American Civil Liberties Union, New York, New York; Frank Gale, Fraternal Order of Police, Denver, Colorado; Roger Clegg, Center for Equal Opportunity, Falls Church, Virginia; and David A. Harris, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**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:** 14 public bills, H.R. 4363–4376; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 621 was introduced. **Page H1914**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1915–16**

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

H.R. 3523, to provide for the sharing of certain cyber threat intelligence and cyber threat information between the intelligence community and cybersecurity entities, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–445);

H. Res. 619, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4348) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–446);

H. Res. 620, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 9) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction for domestic business income of qualified small businesses (H. Rept. 112–447); and

H.R. 1505, to prohibit the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture from taking action on public lands which impede border security on such lands, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–448, Pt. 1). **Page H1914**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fleischmann to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1849**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:12 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1856**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, April 16th: