

**Bacharach Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robert E. Bacharach, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit. **Pages S5449–50**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, July 26, 2012, a vote on cloture will occur at approximately 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 30, 2012. **Pages S5449–50**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, July 30, 2012, Senate resume consideration of the nomination with one hour of debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form prior to a cloture vote on the nomination. **Page S5628**

**Galante Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Carol J. Galante, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; that there be 60 minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; that the nomination be subject to a 60 vote threshold; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Page S5623**

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

- 6 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 7 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- 19 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—185) **Page S5450**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 30, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5628.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### EGG PRODUCTS INSPECTION ACT AMENDMENTS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3239, to provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens, after receiving testimony from Senator Feinstein; David Lathem, Lathem Farms, Pendergrass, Georgia; Eric Benson, JS West, Modesto, California; Greg Herbruck, Herbruck's Poultry Ranch, Saranac, Michigan; and Amon Baer, Mendelson Egg Company, Lake Park, Minnesota.

### FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council's Annual Report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

### BUSINESS MEETING

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

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 13, 2006, and Signed by the United States of America on June 30, 2009 (Treaty Doc 112–7), as amended; and

The nominations of Gene Allan Cretz, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana, Deborah Ruth Malac, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, David Bruce Wharton, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, Alexander Mark Laskaris, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, Marcie B. Ries, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, John M. Koenig, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, Michael David Kirby, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, Thomas Hart Armbruster, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Greta Christine

Holtz, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, and lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State.

### CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing to examine the Child Care and Development Block Grant reauthorization, focusing on helping to meet the child care needs of American families, after receiving testimony from Linda K. Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services and Inter-Departmental Liaison for Early Childhood Development, Administration for Children and Families; Rolf Grafwallner, Maryland State Department of Education Assistant State Superintendent, Baltimore; Janet Singerman, Child Care Resources Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina; Phil Acord, Children's Home, Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Susana Coro, Falls Church/McLean Children's Center, Falls Church, Virginia.

### TRIBAL GAMING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the regulation of tribal gaming, focusing on brick and mortar to the inter-

net, after receiving testimony from former Representative Jon C. Porter, Las Vegas, Nevada, on behalf of Porter Gordon Silver Communications; Tracie Stevens, Chairwoman, National Indian Gaming Commission; Bruce Bozsum, The Mohegan Tribe, Uncasville, Connecticut; Glen Gobin, The Tulalip Tribes, Tulalip, Washington; Jamie Hummingbird, Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, on behalf of the National Tribal Gaming Commissioners/Regulators Association; Elizabeth Lohah Homer, Homer Law, Washington, D.C.; and Gene Johnson, Spectrum Gaming Group, Linwood, New Jersey.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of William Joseph Baer, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Kohl, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### 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:** 23 public bills, H.R. 6205–6227; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 742–744 were introduced. **Pages H5326–27**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H5328**

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

H.R. 6122, to revise the authority of the Librarian of Congress to accept gifts and bequests on behalf of the Library, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–624);

H.R. 1402, to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to establish battery recharging stations for privately owned vehicles in parking areas under the jurisdiction of the House of Representatives at no net cost to the Federal Government, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–625);

H.R. 3641, to establish Pinnacles National Park in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–626); and H.R. 4606, to authorize the issuance of right-of-way permits for nat-

ural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–627). **Page H5326**

**Condemning, in the strongest possible terms, the heinous atrocities that occurred in Aurora, Colorado:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 134, to condemn, in the strongest possible terms, the heinous atrocities that occurred in Aurora, Colorado.

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H. Con. Res. 134 was considered pursuant to the order of the House of July 25, 2012.

**Regulatory Freeze for Jobs Act of 2012:** The House passed H.R. 4078, to provide that no agency may take any significant regulatory action until the unemployment rate is equal to or less than 6.0 percent, by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 536. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, July 25th. **Pages H5302–20**

Rejected the Sutton motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with instructions to report the same back to