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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:05 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5900.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FUTURES MARKETS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine futures markets, focusing on responding to MF Global and Peregrine Financial Group, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, and Jill E. Sommers, Commissioner, both of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; James W. Giddens, Trustee for the Securities Investor Protection Act Liquidation of MF Global Inc., New York, New York; Ira Bodenstein, Trustee for the Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Estate of Peregrine Financial Group, Inc., Terrence A. Duffy, CME Group Inc., Daniel J. Roth, National Futures Association, and John L. Roe, Commodity Customer Coalition, all of Chicago, Illinois; Walter L. Lukken, Futures Industry Association, Washington, D.C.; and Diana Klemme, Grain Service Corporation, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association.

### RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine streamlining and strengthening Housing and Urban Development's rental housing assistance programs, after receiving testimony from Keith Kinard, Newark Housing Authority, Newark, New Jersey, on behalf of the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities; Dianne Hovdestad, Sioux Falls Housing and Redevelopment Commission, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on behalf of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; Howard Husock, Manhattan Institute, New York, New York; Will Fischer, Center on Budget and Policy Prior-

ities, Austin, Texas; and Linda Couch, National Low Income Housing Coalition, Washington, D.C.

### MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine marketplace fairness, focusing on leveling the playing field for small businesses, after receiving testimony from Senators Durbin, Enzi, and Alexander; Paul Misener, Amazon.com, Seattle, Washington; Steven Bercu, BookPeople, Austin, Texas; Scott Peterson, Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board, Nashville, Tennessee; and Steve DelBianco, NetChoice, Washington, D.C.

### CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine an update on the latest climate change science and local adaptation measures, after receiving testimony from John R. Griffin, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Secretary, Annapolis; Christopher B. Field, Carnegie Institution for Science Department of Global Ecology, Stanford, California; John R. Christy, University of Alabama Earth System Science Center, Huntsville; James J. McCarthy, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Margo Thorning, American Council for Capital Formation, Washington, D.C.; and Jonathan Fielding, Los Angeles County Health Department, Los Angeles, California, on behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials.

### TAXATION OF BUSINESS ENTITIES

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the taxation of business entities, focusing on tax reform, after receiving testimony from Harrison LeFrak, The LeFrak Organization, and Dana L. Trier, Columbia University Law School, both of New York, New York; Alvin C. Warren, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Fred C. de Hosson, Baker and McKenzie, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

### NEXT STEPS IN SYRIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the next steps in Syria, after receiving testimony from Martin Indyk, Brookings Institution, James Dobbins, The RAND Corporation, and Andrew J. Tabler, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, all of Washington, D.C.

### EUROZONE

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the future of the eurozone, focusing on the outlook and lessons, after receiving testimony from Frances G.

Burwell, Atlantic Council, and Nicolas Veron, Peterson Institute for International Economics, both of Washington, D.C.; and Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, Cambridge.

### RISING PRISON COSTS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine rising prison costs, focusing on

restricting budgets and crime prevention options, after receiving testimony from Edward F. Davis, Boston Police Commissioner, Boston, Massachusetts; Jeffrey Leigh Sedgwick, Keswick Advisors, LLC, Richmond, Virginia; and Brett Tolman, Ray Quinney & Nebeker, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 28 public bills, H.R. 6244–6271; and 5 resolutions, H.Res. 750–754 were introduced. **Pages H5628–29**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H5630**

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

In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Laura Richardson (H. Rept. 112–642);

H.R. 3158, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (H. Rept. 112–643); and

H. Res. 752, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6233) to make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance available for fiscal year 2012 with the costs of such assistance offset by changes to certain conservation programs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–644). **Page H5628**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5527**

**Member Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Geoff Davis, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Fourth Congressional District of Kentucky, effective at close of business on July 31, 2012. **Page H5527**

**Whole Number of the House:** The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Kentucky, Mr. Davis, the whole number of the House is 431. **Page H5527**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:11 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Pages H5534–35**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Michael Catt, Sherwood Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia. **Page H5535**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Guinta, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H5538**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Guinta, wherein he resigned from the Committee on the Budget. **Page H5538**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Guinta, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. **Page H5538**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 751, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H5538**

**Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1627:** The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. Con. Res. 55, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1627. **Page H5552**

**Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi:** The House agreed to discharge and agree to H. Con. Res. 135, to authorize the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, in recognition of her leadership and perseverance in the struggle for freedom and democracy in Burma. **Page H5552**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, August 2nd. **Page H5552**

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

*Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1905, with an amendment:* H. Res. 750, to provide for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to