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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:38 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2012. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6287.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

LOW-EARTH ORBIT TO MARS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the path from low-Earth orbit to Mars, after receiving testimony from Fuk Li, Director, Mars Exploration Directorate, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and John Grunsfeld, Associate Administrator, Science Mission Directorate, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Charles F. Kennel, Chair, National Research Council Space Studies Board, Division on Engineering and Physical Sciences, The National Academies, and University of California San Diego Scripps Institute of Oceanography; John Grotzinger, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena; Steven W. Squyres, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York; and Jim Maser, Pratt and Whitney Rocketdyne, Los Angeles, California.

NUCLEAR WASTE ADMINISTRATION ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3469, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste, after receiving testimony from General Brent Scowcroft, Co-Chairman, and Richard A. Meserve, Commissioner, both of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future; Peter Lyons, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Energy; Henry B. Barron, Constellation Energy Nuclear Group, LLC, Baltimore, Maryland; and Geoffrey H. Fettus, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, DC.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee with the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a joint oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s im-

plementation of recommendations for enhancing nuclear reactor safety in the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Allison M. MacFarlane, Chairman, and Kristine L. Svinicki, George Apostolakis, William D. Magwood, IV, and William C. Ostendorff, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

UPDATE ON SYRIA AND IRAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on an intelligence update on Syria and Iran from national security briefers.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joseph E. Macmanus, of New York, to be Representative to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, Sharon English Woods Villarosa, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, and Walter North, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands, and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of the General Services Administration, after receiving testimony from Daniel Tangherlini, Acting Administrator, and Brian D. Miller, Inspector General, both of the General Services Administration.

CITIZENS UNITED

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the *Citizens United* court and the continuing importance of the “Voting Rights Act”, after receiving testimony from Senator Tester; Anthony Johnstone, University of Montana School of Law, Missoula; and Michael A. Carvin, Jones Day, and Elisabeth MacNamara, League of Women Voters of the United States, both of Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3340, to improve and enhance the programs and activities of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding suicide

prevention and resilience and behavioral health disorders for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, with amendments;

S. 3322, to strengthen enforcement and clarify certain provisions of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, and chapter 43 of title 38, United States Code, and to reconcile, restore, clarify, and conform similar provisions in other related civil rights statutes;

S. 3313, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to women veterans, to improve health care furnished by the Department, with amendments;

S. 2259, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2012, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans;

S. 2241, to ensure that veterans have the information and protections they require to make informed decisions regarding use of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance; and

S. 1707, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 6377–6387; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 137; and H. Res. 780 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2356, to enhance homeland security by improving efforts to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from an attack with a weapon of mass destruction, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–665, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3479, to reauthorize Federal natural hazards reduction programs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–666, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 778, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 117) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6365) to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to replace the sequester established by the Budget Control Act of 2011 (H. Rept. 112–667); and

H. Res. 779, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6213) to limit further taxpayer exposure from the loan guarantee program established under title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 112–668).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Buerkle to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Matthew Mello, The Church of the Resurrection, Lakeland, Florida.

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Minnesota Education Investment and Employment Act: The House passed H.R. 5544, to authorize and expedite a land exchange involving National Forest System land in the Laurentian District of the Superior National Forest and certain other National Forest System land in the State of Minnesota that has limited recreational and conservation resources and lands owned by the State of Minnesota in trust for the public school system that are largely scattered in checkerboard fashion within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and have important recreational, scenic, and conservation resources, by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 568.

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Rejected the Ellison motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 567.

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Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–30, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–660, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the