

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2012 for a pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SITUATION IN SYRIA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on the situation in Syria, after receiv-

ing testimony from Leon E. Panetta, Secretary, and Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Kevin K. Washburn, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 6410–6428; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 785 were introduced. **Pages H6060–61**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6061–62**

Reports: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2299, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions (H. Rept. 112–671);

H.R. 6060, to amend Public Law 106–392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2019 (H. Rept. 112–672);

H.R. 6190, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to allow for the distribution, sale, and consumption in the United States of remaining inventories of over-the-counter CFC epinephrine inhalers (H. Rept. 112–673); and

H.R. 2903, to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–674, Pt. 1). **Pages H6059–60**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bishop (UT) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6003**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Monsignor Stephen Rossetti, Associate Professor, The Catholic University of America, Washington DC. **Page H6003**

No More Solyndras Act: The House passed H.R. 6213, to limit further taxpayer exposure from the loan guarantee program established under title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 161 noes, Roll No. 584. **Pages H6004–24**

Rejected the Markey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 583. **Pages H6022–24**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–31 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill. **Page H6017**

Rejected:

DeGette amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–668) that sought to make changes to the findings section of the bill (by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 581) and

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Waxman amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–668) that sought to strike the subsection preventing DOE from issuing a new loan guarantee for applications submitted after December 31, 2011 (by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 582).

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H. Res. 779, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, September 13th.

Reauthorizing the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act: Agreed by unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 3552, to reauthorize the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, September 18th and when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Wednesday, September 19th for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6012.

Senate Referrals: S. 3552 was held at the desk and S.J. Res. 44 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6021, H6021–22, H6023–24 and H6024. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUDITABILITY CHALLENGES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Department of Defense Auditability Challenges. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth A. McGrath Deputy Chief Management Officer Department of Defense; Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense; Gladys J. Commons, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Financial Management and Comptroller, Department of the Navy; Mary Sally Matiella, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Financial Management and Comptroller, Department of the Army; Marilyn M. Thomas, Deputy Assistant

Secretary for Financial Management and Comptroller, Department of the Air Force.

TITLE 42—A REVIEW OF SPECIAL HIRING AUTHORITIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Title 42—A Review of Special Hiring Authorities”. Testimony was heard from Robert Goldenkoff, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Robert Cramer, Managing Associate General Counsel, Government Accountability Office.

HOUSING FOR HEROES: EXAMINING HOW FEDERAL PROGRAMS CAN BETTER SERVE VETERANS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Housing for Heroes: Examining How Federal Programs Can Better Serve Veterans”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LESSONS FROM FORT HOOD: IMPROVING OUR ABILITY TO CONNECT THE DOTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management held a hearing entitled “Lessons From Fort Hood: Improving our Ability to Connect the Dots”. Testimony was heard from Douglas Winter, Deputy Chair, William H. Webster Commission; Kshemendra Paul, Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and public witnesses.

PER CAPITA ACT AND FEDERAL TREATMENT OF TRUST PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTIONS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing entitled “Per Capita Act and Federal Treatment of Trust Per Capita Distributions”. Testimony was heard from Christy J. Jacobs, Director, Office of Indian Tribal Governments, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN NASA'S COMMERCIAL CREW ACQUISITION STRATEGY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Recent Developments in NASA's Commercial Crew Acquisition Strategy”. Testimony was heard from William H. Gerstenmaier, Associate Administrator, Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and a public witness.