

Monday, November 26, 2012). (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6873.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, International Security Assistance Force, and to be Commander, U.S. Forces, Afghanistan, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine an original bill entitled, "Water Resources Development Act of 2012", after receiving testimony from Stephen Curtis, American Society of Civil Engineers, Washington, D.C.; Terrence Sullivan, The Nature Conservancy, Providence, Rhode Island; Amy W. Larson, National Waterways Conference, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; and Dusty Williams, National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA), Riverside, California.

### PHARMACY COMPOUNDING AND MENINGITIS OUTBREAK

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine pharmacy compounding, focusing on implications of the 2012 meningitis outbreak, after receiving testimony

from Beth Bell, Director, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Margaret A. Hamburg, Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Lauren Smith, Massachusetts Department of Public Health Interim Commissioner, Boston; Marion Kainer, Tennessee Department of Health Healthcare Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance Program Director, Nashville; David Miller, International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists, Missouri City, Texas; and Kasey Thompson, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, Bethesda, Maryland.

### 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.

### PREVENTING ELDER FINANCIAL ABUSE

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine preventing elder financial abuse, including strengthening efforts to combat elder financial exploitation, after receiving testimony from Kay E. Brown, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Hubert H. Humphrey III, Assistant Director, Office for Older Americans, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Frank W. Abagnale, Frank W. Abagnale and Associates, and Paul Smocer, BITS, on behalf of the Financial Services Roundtable, both of Washington, D.C.; and Paul R. Greenwood, San Diego District Attorney's Office Elder Abuse Prosecution Unit, San Diego, California.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 3 public bills, H.R. 6590–6592; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 809–812 were introduced. **Pages H6396–97**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H6397**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:  
H.R. 1206, to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers (H. Rept. 112–694) and S. 285, for the relief of Sopuruchi Chukwueke, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–695). **Page H6396**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Farenthold to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6371**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6377**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Alan Keiran, Office of the United States Senate. **Page H6377**

**Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal Act of 2012—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 808, the rule that is providing for

consideration of H.R. 6156, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to products of the Russian Federation and Moldova and to require reports on the compliance of the Russian Federation with its obligations as a member of the World Trade Organization, by a recorded vote of 253 yeas to 150 nays, Roll No. 606, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 164 nays, Roll No. 605.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:26 p.m. and reconvened at 5:05 p.m.

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**Oath of Office—Tenth Congressional District of New Jersey:** Representative-elect Donald M. Payne, Jr. presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a scanned copy of a letter from the Honorable Kimberly M. Guadagno, Lieutenant Governor/Secretary of State, State of New Jersey, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held November 6, 2012, the Honorable Donald M. Payne, Jr. was elected Representative to Congress for the Tenth Congressional District, State of New Jersey.

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**Whole Number of the House:** The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from New Jersey, the whole number of the House is 434.

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**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of Hurricane Sandy.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, November 14th:

*Mark Twain Commemorative Coin Act:* Concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 2453, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Mark Twain, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 370 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 607.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6371.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6388, H6389–90, H6391. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### BENGHAZI AND BEYOND

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Benghazi and Beyond: What Went Wrong on September 11, 2012 and How to Prevent it from Happening at other Frontline Posts”. Testimony was heard from Michael Courts, Acting Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

### WMD TERRORISM: ASSESSING THE CONTINUED HOMELAND THREAT

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “WMD Terrorism: Assessing the Continued Homeland Threat”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### TSA’S RECENT SCANNER SHUFFLE

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “TSA’s Recent Scanner Shuffle: Real Strategy or Wasteful Smokescreen?”. Testimony was heard from Jonathan Cantor, Acting Chief Privacy, Department of Homeland Security; and John Sanders, Assistant Administrator, Office of Security Capabilities, Transportation Security Administration.

### U.S. ANTARCTIC PROGRAM: ACHIEVING FISCAL AND LOGISTICAL EFFICIENCY WHILE SUPPORTING SOUND SCIENCE

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Antarctic Program: Achieving Fiscal and Logistical Efficiency While Supporting Sound Science”. Testimony was heard from Norman R. Augustine, Chair, U.S. Antarctic Program Blue Ribbon Panel; Subra Suresh, Director, National Science Foundation; Duncan J. McNabb, Member, U.S. Antarctic Program Blue Ribbon Panel; and Warren M. Zapol, Chair, Committee on Future Science Opportunities in Antarctica and the Southern Ocean, National Research Council.

### REVIEW OF VETERANS EMPLOYMENT CHALLENGES AND INITIATIVES OF THE 112TH CONGRESS

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Review of Veterans Employment Challenges and Initiatives of the 112th Congress”. Testimony was heard from John K. Moran, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations & Management, Veterans’ Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Eliseo “Al” Cantu, Jr.,