

of 1974, with respect to Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 3073, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S7284–85**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, November 30, 2012, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Paul William Grimm, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Page S7293**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 2 p.m., on Monday, December 3, 2012; that following the disposition of the order with respect to the nomination of Paul William Grimm, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Senate resume consideration of the bill, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture; and that the second-degree filing deadline for amendments to the bill be at 4 p.m., on Monday, December 3, 2012. **Page S7310**

**Convention on the Rights of Persons With Disabilities Treaty—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that there be no amendments in order to the treaty or the resolution of the ratification; that following Leader remarks on Tuesday, December 4, 2012, the time until 12 noon be divided in the usual form; that at 12 noon, Senate vote on the Resolution of Advice and Consent to Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; provided further, that if the resolution is not adopted, the treaty be returned to the calendar, and there be no motions or points of order in order other than a motion to reconsider. **Page S7293**

**Grimm Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that

at 5 p.m., on Monday, December 3, 2012, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Paul William Grimm, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland; that there be 30 minutes for debate equally provided in the usual form; that upon the use yielding back of time, Senate vote without intervening action or debate on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Page S7310**

**Shea 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 Michael P. Shea, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut; that there be 30 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; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Page S7307**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S7302**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S7303–05**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S7305–06**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S7306–07**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—216) **Pages S7282–85**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:15 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former Senator George McGovern, in accordance with S. Res. 607, at 4:38 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 3, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7310.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 5 public bills, H.R. 6620–6624; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 142 were introduced. **Page H6578**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H6578**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 4053, to intensify efforts to identify, prevent, and recover payment error, waste, fraud, and

abuse within Federal spending, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–698). **Page H6578**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H6561**

**STEM Jobs Act of 2012:** The House passed H.R. 6429, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote innovation, investment, and research in the United States and to eliminate the diversity immigrant program, by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 139 nays, Roll No. 613. **Pages H6539–61**

Rejected the Zoe Lofgren motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 157 yeas to 231 nays, Roll No. 612. **Pages H6556–60**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–34, modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 112–697, shall be considered as adopted. **Page H6539**

H. Res. 821, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, November 29th.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, December 3rd for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business. **Page H6564**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H6561–62.

**Senate Referral:** S. 3542 was held at the desk.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6560, H6560–61. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

## Committee Meeting

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled “Tapping America’s Energy Potential Through Research and Development”. Testimony was heard from Anthony Cugini, Director, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy; Michael C. Hagood, Director, Program Development; Energy and Environment Science and Technology, Idaho National Laboratory, Idaho Falls, Idaho; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee:* December 6, to hold hearings to examine the fiscal cliff, focusing on how to protect the middle class, sustain long-term economic growth, and reduce the Federal deficit, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 3 through December 7, 2012

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 3254, National Defense Authorization Act. At 5 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Paul William Grimm, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. At approximately 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Paul William Grimm, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 3254, National Defense Authorization Act.

On *Tuesday*, at 12 noon, Senate will vote on the Resolution of Advice and Consent to Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Appropriations:* December 5, Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine Hurricane Sandy, focusing on response and recovery and progress and challenges, 10 a.m., SD–192.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* December 6, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Housing Administration, focusing on Housing and Urban Development’s response to fiscal challenges, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* December 4, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark Doms, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, Polly Ellen Trottenberg, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Mignon L. Clyburn, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission,