

period of debate on the nominations, Senate proceed to Legislative Session to resume consideration of H.R. 6156, and following disposition of H.R. 6156, Senate resume Executive Session and vote without intervening action or debate on confirmation of the nominations of Mark E. Walker, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, and Terrence G. Berg, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, in that order; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S7636**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 72 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. EX. 222), Michael P. Shea, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

29 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Coast Guard Reserve, and Navy.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—222) **Page S7448**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7639.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HURRICANE SANDY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine Hurricane Sandy, focusing on response and recovery and progress and challenges, after receiving testimony from Senators Schumer, Mikulski, Lieberman, Reed, Carper, Cardin, Gillibrand, and Blumenthal; Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and W. Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

MALI

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine assessing developments in Mali, focusing on restoring democracy and reclaiming the north, after receiving testimony from Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of African Affairs; Earl Gast, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, United States Agency for International Development; Amanda Dory, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Christopher Fomunyoh, National Democratic Institute, Corinne Dufka, Human Rights Watch, and Nii Akuetteh, all of Washington, D.C.; and Mohamed Ould Mahmoud, Lobbying Network for Peace, Security, and Development for Northern Mali, Bamako.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 6633–6641; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 825–826, were introduced. **Page H6675**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6675–76**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4297, to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st Century, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–699, Pt. 1). **Page H6675**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Dold to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6625**

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

Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendments to H.R. 2838, with an amendment: H. Res. 825, to provide for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendments to H.R. 2838, with an amendment; **Pages H6626–44**

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding actions to preserve and advance the multistakeholder governance model under which the Internet has thrived: S. Con. Res. 50, to express the sense of Congress regarding actions to preserve and advance the multistakeholder governance model under which the Internet has thrived, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 397 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 617; **Pages H6644–46, H6656–57**

Former Presidents Protection Act of 2012: H.R. 6620, to amend title 18, United States Code, to eliminate certain limitations on the length of Secret Service Protection for former Presidents and for the children of former Presidents; **Pages H6646–47**

Making revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements: H.R. 6602, to make revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 392 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 618; **Pages H6647–50, H6657–58**

Eliminating an unnecessary reporting requirement for an unfunded DNA Identification grant program: H.R. 6605, to eliminate an unnecessary reporting requirement for an unfunded DNA Identification grant program; **Page H6650**

Amending section 1059(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 to clarify that a period of employment abroad by the Chief of Mission or United States Armed Forces as a translator, interpreter, or in an executive level security position is to be counted as a period of residence and physical presence in the United States: H.R. 6223, amended, to amend section 1059(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 to clarify that a period of employment abroad by the Chief of Mission or United States Armed Forces as a translator, interpreter, or in an executive level security position is to be counted as a period of residence and physical presence in the United States for purposes of qualifying for naturalization if at least a portion of such period was spent in Iraq or Afghanistan; **Pages H6650–52**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend section 1059(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 to clarify that

a period of employment abroad by the Chief of Mission or United States Armed Forces as a translator, interpreter, or in a security-related position in an executive or managerial capacity is to be counted as a period of residence and physical presence in the United States for purposes of qualifying for naturalization, and for other purposes.”. **Page H6652**

Patent Law Treaties Implementation Act of 2012: S. 3486, to implement the provisions of the Hague Agreement and the Patent Law Treaty; and **Pages H6652–56**

21st Century Language Act of 2012: S. 2367, to strike the word “lunatic” from Federal law, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 619. **Pages H6656, H6658**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 11:17 a.m. **Page H6656**

Order of Business: Agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the Capito motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5817. **Page H6656**

Changing the effective date for the Internet publication of certain financial disclosure forms: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6634, to change the effective date for the Internet publication of certain financial disclosure forms. **Page H6659**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of Jack Brooks, former Member of Congress. **Page H6659**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 7th, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 11th for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business. **Page H6662**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6657, H6657–58, and H6658. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IRANIAN INFLUENCE IN THE SOUTH CAUCASUS AND THE SURROUNDING REGION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia held a hearing entitled “Iranian Influence in the South Caucasus and the Surrounding Region”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.