

Reid Amendment No. 3317 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 3316), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3316 fell.

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Reid Amendment No. 3318 (to Amendment No. 3317), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 3317 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 3316) fell.

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Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1, making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3 p.m., on Monday, December 17, 2012, Senate begin consideration of the bill.

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Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that from Thursday, December 13, 2012, through Monday, December 17, 2012, the Majority Leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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Olguin and Durkin Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, December 17, 2012, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Fernando M. Olguin, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Thomas M. Durkin, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois; 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 nominations, in that order; and that no further motions be in order.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. EX. 228), Lorna G. Schofield, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

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Frank Paul Geraci, Jr., of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—228)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:29 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8047.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IMPROVING CARE FOR DUALY-ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving care for dually-eligible beneficiaries, focusing on a progress update, after receiving testimony from Melanie Bella, Director, Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Thomas J. Betlach, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Director, Phoenix; MaryAnne Lindeblad, Washington State Health Care Authority Director, Olympia; and John B. McCarthy, Ohio Medicaid Office of Medical Assistance Director, Columbus.

TERRORIST NETWORKS IN PAKISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded open and closed hearings to examine terrorist networks in Pakistan and proliferation of improvised explosive devices (IEDs), after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Michael D. Barbero, Director, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, Department of Defense; and Jonathan Carpenter, Senior Economic Adviser, Office of the Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State.

ATTACKS IN BENGHAZI

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on attacks in Benghazi from National Security Briefers.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1223, to address voluntary location

tracking of electronic communications devices, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

HURRICANE SANDY

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Hurricane Sandy, focusing on assessing the Federal response and small business recovery efforts, after receiving testimony from Michael Chodos, Associate Administrator for Entrepreneurial Development, and James Rivera, Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance, both of the Small Business Administration; Mayor Dawn

Zimmer, Hoboken, New Jersey; James L. King, New York State Small Business Development Center, Albany, on behalf of the Association of Small Business Development Centers; and Kevin S. Law, Long Island Association, Melville, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 6654–6670; 2 resolutions, H. Res. 831–832, were introduced. **Pages H6806–07**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6807**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

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

Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012: H.R. 4053, amended, to intensify efforts to identify, prevent, and recover payment error, waste, fraud, and abuse within Federal spending, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 626;

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GAO Mandates Revision Act of 2012: S. 3315, to repeal or modify certain mandates of the Government Accountability Office; and **Pages H6771–72**

D.C. Courts and Public Defender Service Act: S. 1379, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to revise certain administrative authorities of the District of Columbia courts, and to authorize the District of Columbia Public Defender Service to provide professional liability insurance for officers and employees of the Service for claims relating to services furnished within the scope of employment with the Service. **Pages H6772–75**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:31 a.m. and reconvened at 10:02 a.m. **Page H6775**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:38 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. **Page H6779**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed by unanimous consent to disagree to

the Senate amendment and agree to a conference on H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Pages H6775–82**

Agreed to the Davis (CA) motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 399 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 624. **Page H6780**

Agreed to the McKeon motion to permit closed conference meetings by a yea-and-nay vote of 351 yeas to 53 nays, Roll No. 625. **Pages H6780–81**

The Chair appointed the following conferees: From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives McKeon, Bartlett, Thornberry, Forbes, Miller (FL), Wilson (SC), LoBiondo, Turner (OH), Kline, Rogers (AL), Shuster, Conaway, Wittman, Hunter, Rigell, Hartzler, West, Roby, Smith (WA), Reyes, Loretta Sanchez (CA), McIntyre, Andrews, Davis (CA), Langevin, Larsen (WA), Cooper, Bordallo, Courtney, Loeb sack, Tsongas, and Pingree (ME). **Page H6782**

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Representatives Rogers (MI), Nunes, and Ruppberger. **Page H6782**

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of secs. 541 and 561 of the House bill and secs. 563 and 571–73 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Petri, Noem and Scott (VA). **Page H6782**

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of secs. 312, 601, 727, 3111, 3113,