House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 4116–4131; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 568–569, were introduced. **Page H1133**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1134–35**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 3606, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–406). **Page H1133**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Yoder to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1103**

Directing the Office of the Historian to compile oral histories from current and former Members of the House of Representatives involved in the historic and annual Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, marches: The House agreed to H. Res. 562, to direct the Office of the Historian to compile oral histories from current and former Members of the House of Representatives involved in the historic and annual Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, marches, as well as the civil rights movement in general, for the purposes of expanding or augmenting the historic record and for public dissemination and education, by a yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 92. **Pages H1104–13**

H. Res. 562 was considered pursuant to the order of the House on February 29, 2012.

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated yesterday, February 29th:

St. Croix River Crossing Project Authorization Act: S. 1134, to authorize the St. Croix River Crossing Project with appropriate mitigation measures to promote river values, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 339 yeas to 80 nays, Roll No. 93 and **Page H1113**

Condemning the Government of Iran for its continued persecution, imprisonment, and sentencing of Youcef Nadarkhani on the charge of apostasy: H. Res. 556, amended, to condemn the Government of Iran for its continued persecution, imprisonment, and sentencing of Youcef Nadarkhani on the charge of apostasy, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 94. **Pages H1113–14**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, March 5th for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business. **Page H1115**

Social Security Advisory Board—Reappointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment, upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, of the following member on the part of the House to the Social Security Advisory Board for a term of six years: Ms. Barbara Kennelly of Hartford, CT. **Page H1127**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1112–13, H1113, and H1114. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL PROTECTION AND PROGRAMS DIRECTORATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on the FY 2013 Budget for National Protection and Programs Directorate. Testimony was heard from Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate.

APPROPRIATIONS—FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the FY 2013 Fish and Wildlife Service Budget. Testimony was heard from Dan Ashe, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service; and Chris Nolin, Budget Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service.

APPROPRIATIONS—COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget. Testimony was heard from David J. Kappos, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related

Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget. Testimony was heard from Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller); General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff of the Army; Admiral Jonathan Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations; General Norton A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff of the Air Force; and Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the FY 2013 Budget for the Department of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Dallas Tonsager, Under Secretary for Rural Development; Jonathan Adelstein, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service; Judith Canales, Administrator, Rural Business—Cooperative Service; and Michael Young, Budget Officer.

APPROPRIATIONS—NAVY/MARINE CORPS BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on the FY 2013 Navy/Marine Corps Budget. Testimony was heard from Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy; Admiral Jonathan Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations; General Norton A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff of the Air Force; and General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from U.S. Pacific Command. Testimony was heard from Admiral Robert F. Willard, USN Commander, U.S. Pacific Command.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled ''The FY 2013 HHS Budget''. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DIVERSION: COMBATING THE SCOURGE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled ''Prescription Drug Diversion: Combating the Scourge''. Testimony was heard from Richard G. Kerlikowske, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Pamela Jo Bondi, Attorney General, State of Florida; Jack Conway, Attorney General, State of Kentucky; Aaron E. Haslam, Senior Assistant Attorney General, State of Ohio; Joseph T. Rannazzisi, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration; and public witnesses.

THE EFFECTS OF THE REPEAL OF REGULATION Q ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on ''Understanding the Effects of the Repeal of Regulation Q on Financial Institutions and Small Businesses''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a markup of H.R. 3783, the ''Countering Iran in the Western Hemisphere Act of 2012''. The bill was forwarded, as amended.

BUILDING ONE DHS: WHY CAN'T MANAGEMENT INFORMATION BE INTEGRATED?

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management held a hearing ''Building One DHS: Why Can't Management Information Be Integrated''. Testimony was heard from Rafael Borras, Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security; David Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, Government Accountability Office; and Charles K. Edwards, Acting Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: On Wednesday, February 29, 2012, the full Committee held a markup. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 3452, the ''Wasatch Range Recreation Access Enhancement Act''; H.R. 4089, the ''Sportsmen's Heritage Act of 2012''; H.R. 1038, to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960; H.R. 2240, the ''Lowell National Historical Park Land Exchange Act of 2011''; H.R. 1335, to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes; H.R. 2745, to amend the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986 to facilitate implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River in Clark County, Nevada; and H.R. 2512, the

''Three Kids Mine Remediation and Reclamation Act''.

The following bills were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 2157, to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 2947, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed by the United States in 1950 for the establishment of an airport in Cook County, Minnesota; H.R. 3263, the ''Lake Thunderbird Efficient Use Act of 2011''; H.R. 3409, the ''Coal Miner Employment and Domestic Energy Infrastructure Protection Act''; H.R. 2050, the ''Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act''; H.R. 491, to modify the boundaries of Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico, to transfer certain Bureau of Land Management land for inclusion in the national forest, and for other purposes; S. 271, the ''Wallowa Forest Service Compound Conveyance Act''; S. 684, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah; S. 404, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior; S. 292, the ''Salmon Lake Land Selection Resolution Act''; and S. 897, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 1272, the ''Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Judgment Fund Distribution Act of 2011''. Testimony was heard from Representatives Peterson and Cravaack; Michael Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and public witnesses.

STATUS OF GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management held a hearing entitled ''The Status of Government Financial Management: A Look at the FY 2011 Consolidated Financial Statements''. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Daniel I. Werfel, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget; and Richard L. Gregg, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FY 2013 BUDGET

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''An Overview of the Department of Energy Research and Development Budget for Fiscal Year 2013''. Testimony was heard from Steven Chu, Secretary, Department of Energy.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a markup of the following: H.R. 2903, the ''FEMA Reauthorization Act of 2011''; H.R. 3182, the ''James M. Fitzgerald United States Courthouse''; H.R. 3556, the ''Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse''; H.R. 4097, the ''John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2012''. The following bill was forwarded, as amended: H.R. 2903. The following bills were forwarded without amendment: H.R. 3182, H.R. 3556, and H.R. 4097.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup of views and estimates submission letter. The resolution was ordered reported without amendment.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.