

Stearns amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–416) that grants limited civil liability protection to health professionals that volunteer at federally declared disaster sites (by a recorded vote of 251 ayes to 157 noes with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 124). **Pages H1511–13, H1515**

Rejected:

Bonamici amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–416) that sought to delay the date of enactment until the Secretary of Health and Human Services submits to Congress a report on the potential effect of this title on health care premiums (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 228 noes with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 123). **Pages H1505–07, H1514–15**

H. Res. 591, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, March 21st.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, March 26th for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business. **Page H1521**

Commission on International Religious Freedom—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following member on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term effective March 23, 2012 and ending May 14, 2014: Mr. Robert P. George of Princeton, NJ. **Page H1530**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1513–14, H1514–15, H1515, H1518, H1518–19. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—FY 2013 BUDGET ISSUES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 budget issues. Testimony was heard from Representatives Chu, Farr, Lipinski, Pierluisi, Posey, Gerald W. Hyland, Supervisor, Fairfax County, Virginia; Billy Frank, Chairman, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission; Seamus P. McCaffery, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; Tom Skalak, Vice President for Research, University of Virginia; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—FY 2013 BUDGET ISSUES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 budget issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FY 2013 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Department of Education. Testimony was heard from Arnie Duncan, Secretary, Department of Education.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAJOR MODES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Department of Transportation Major Modes. Testimony was heard from Michael Huerta, Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; Victor Mendez, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Joseph C. Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; and Peter Rogoff, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—COMMODITY FUTURE TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

NAVY’S READINESS POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on the Navy’s readiness posture. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral William Burke, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Fleet Readiness and Logistics; Vice Admiral Kevin McCoy, USN, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command; and Vice Admiral David Architzel, USN, Commander, Naval Air Systems Command.

HAZING IN THE MILITARY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on hazing in the military. Testimony was heard from Sergeant Major of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III, USA, Sergeant Major of the Army; Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick D. West, USN, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy; Sergeant Major Michael P. Barrett, USMC, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps; Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James A. Roy, USAF, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force; and Master Chief Michael P. Leavitt, USCG, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Budget: On Wednesday, March 21, 2012, the full Committee held a markup. The following was ordered reported, as amended: a Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013.

MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY PROVISIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Motor Vehicle Safety Provisions in House and Senate Highway Bills”. Testimony was heard from Representative Lewis (GA); David L. Strickland, Administrator, National Highway Transportation Safety Administration; and public witnesses.

HOW MOBILE PAYMENTS COULD CHANGE FINANCIAL SERVICES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “The Future of Money: How Mobile Payments Could Change Financial Services”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUILDING ONE DHS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management held a hearing entitled “Building One DHS: Why is Employee Morale Low?”. Testimony was heard from Catherine Emerson, Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and David Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

EFFECTS OF THE PRESIDENT’S FY 2013 BUDGET FOR THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Effect of the President’s FY 2013 Budget for the U.S. Geological Survey on Private Sector Job Creation, Hazard Protection, Mineral Resources and Deficit Reduction”. Testimony was heard from Marcia McNutt, Director, Geological Survey; and public witnesses.

LATEST THREAT TO ACCESS FOR RECREATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled “Empty Hooks: The National Ocean Policy is the Latest Threat to Access for Recreational and Commercial Fisherman”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 3985, the “Building Better Business Partnerships Act of 2012”; H.R. 3987, the “Small Business Protection Act of 2012”; H.R. 4081, the “Contractor Opportunity Protection Act of 2012”; H.R. 4206, the “Contracting Oversight for Small Business Jobs Act of 2012”; and H.R. 4203, the “Women’s Procurement Program Improvement Act of 2012”. The following bills were order reported, as amended: H.R. 3985; H.R. 3987; H.R. 4081; and H.R. 4206. The following bill was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 4203.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE OPERATIONS AND THE 2012 TAX RETURN FILING SEASON

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Internal Revenue Service Operations and the 2012 Tax Return Filing Season”. Testimony was heard from Douglas Shulman, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities. This was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings**PROGRESS IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. On Wednesday, March 21, 2012, commission concluded a hearing to examine prerequisites for progress in Northern Ireland, focusing on the 1998 Good Friday Agreement, and the current challenges to full implementation of the agreement and the action that is necessary for continued confidence and progress in the peace process, after receiving testimony from Christopher Stanley, British-Irish Rights Watch, London; Mark Thompson, Relatives for Justice, Brian Gormally, Committee on the Administration of Justice, and Geraldine Finucane, all of Belfast; and Patricia Lundy, University of Ulster, Jordanstown.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.