

Friday, June 8, 2012

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 5882, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2013.

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 2 p.m., on Monday, June 11, 2012.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 5929–5944; 1 private bill, H.R. 5945; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 129; and H. Res. 683–685, were introduced. **Pages H3698–99**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H3700**

#### **Report Filed:**

A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4480, to provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas exploration, development, and production under oil and gas leases of Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense in response to a drawdown of petroleum reserves from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–520, Pt. 1). **Page H3698**

**Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2013:** The House passed H.R. 5882, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 307 yeas to 102 nays, Roll No. 377. **Pages H3665–90**

Rejected the Pingree (ME) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 101 yeas to 309 nays, Roll No. 376. **Pages H3688–89**

Agreed to:

Holt amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–518) that adjusts funding for Congressional Printing and Binding under the GPO to address the availability of pocket versions of the United States Constitution for Members of the House; **Pages H3679–80**

Harper amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–518) that limits the print copies of the U.S. Code for the House of Representatives to 50 copies; **Page H3683**

Gosar amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–518) that reduces the budget for the Botanic Garden by \$1,235,000 for Fiscal Year 2013, so that it is appropriated resources at 2009 levels (by a recorded vote of 213 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 371); **Pages H3676–77, H3685**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–518) that reduces funding for the Congressional Research Service by \$878,000 (FY 2012 Level) and transfers \$878,000 to the Spending Reduction Account (by a recorded vote of 214 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 372); and **Pages H3677–79, H3685–86**

Scalise amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–518) that reduces by \$1,000,000 the amount provided for the Open World Leadership Center and directs that \$1,000,000 to the Spending Reduction Account (by a recorded vote of 204 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 373). **Pages H3680–81, H3686–87**

Rejected:

Moran amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–518) that sought to prohibit the use of polystyrene products in food service facilities in the House of Representatives (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 374) and

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Flake amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–518) that sought to prohibit funding for the purchase of paid online advertisements by Members, committees, and leadership offices (by a recorded vote of 148 ayes to 261 noes, Roll No. 375).

**Pages H3683–84, H3687–88**

H. Res. 679, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 436) and (H.R. 5882), was agreed to yesterday, June 7th.

**Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House rejected the Broun (GA) motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4348 by a yea-and-nay vote of 82 yeas to 323 nays, Roll No. 378. The motion was debated yesterday, June 7th.

**Pages H3690–91**

**Allowing the Chief of the Forest Service to award certain contracts for large air tankers:** The House agreed to discharge and pass S. 3261, to allow the Chief of the Forest Service to award certain contracts for large air tankers.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 12th; when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 15th; and when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 18th.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3685, H3685–86, H3686–87, H3687, H3687–88, H3689, H3689–90, and H3690–91. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MEDICARE CONTRACTORS' EFFORTS TO FIGHT FRAUD

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Medicare Contractors’ Efforts to Fight Fraud—Moving Beyond ‘Pay and Chase’”. Testimony was heard from Robert A. Vito, Regional Inspector General, Office of Evaluations and Inspections, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Kathleen M. King Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Ted Doolittle

Deputy Director, Center for Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

### STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIATION THERAPY TECHNOLOGISTS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health, hearing “Examining the Appropriateness of Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Technologists”. Testimony was heard from John Spiegel, Director, Medicare Program Integrity Group, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee completed markup of H.R. 4369, the “Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act of 2012”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

### UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND AND ITS IMPACT ON AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA NATIVES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing entitled “Federal Communications Commission’s rule on the Universal Service Fund and its impact on American Indians and Alaska Natives”. Testimony was heard from Geoffrey Blackwell, Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, Federal Communications Commission; and public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forest and Public Lands, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 3641 “Pinnacles National Park Act”; H.R. 3894, the “Pullman Historic Site National Park Service Study Act”; H.R. 4606, to authorize the issuance of right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 5544, the “Minnesota Education Investment and Employment Act”; and H.R. 5791, the “Emergency Water Supply Restoration Act”. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Farr; Jackson (IL); Cravaack; and Flake; Leslie Weldon; Deputy Chief, United States Forest Service; Victor Knox, Associate Director for Park Planning, Facilities and Lands, National Park Service; Denise Dittrich, Minnesota House of Representatives; Jerry Muenzer, Supervisor, District Four, San Benito County Board of Supervisors; and public witnesses.