

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 933, Further Continuing Appropriations Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1967–S2052

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 618–631, and S. Res. 82–85. **Page S2026**

Measures Reported:

S. 622, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs. **Page S2025**

Measures Passed:

Further Continuing Appropriations Act: By 73 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 44), Senate passed H.R. 933, making consolidated appropriations and further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1967–90**
Adopted:

Coburn/McCain Modified Amendment No. 65 (to Amendment No. 26), to prohibit the use of funds to carry out the functions of the Political Science Program in the Division of Social and Economic Sciences of the Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences of the National Science Foundation, except for research projects that the Director of the National Science Foundation certifies as promoting national security or the economic interests of the United States. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Pages S1976, S1984–85**

Coburn/McCain Modified Amendment No. 70 (to Amendment No. 26), to ensure that authorizing committees receive timely information from the Department of Homeland Security. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Pages S1976–81, S1985**

Inhofe/Hagan Modified Amendment No. 72 (to Amendment No. 26), to require the continuation of tuition assistance programs for members of the Armed Forces for the remainder of fiscal year 2013. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Pages S1974–75, S1985**

Mikulski/Shelby Modified Amendment No. 98 (to Amendment No. 26), of a perfecting nature. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Page S1985**

Leahy Modified Amendment No. 129 (to Amendment No. 26), to revise language regarding cluster munitions. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Pages S1985–86**

Pryor Amendment No. 82 (to Amendment No. 26), relative to Agriculture Buildings and Facilities and Rental Payments, Food Safety and Inspection Service, and Domestic Food Programs. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Page S1986**

By 70 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 42), Reid (for Mikulski/Shelby) Modified Amendment No. 26, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1967, S1983–84, S1987**

Murray Amendment No. 176, to amend the title. **Page S2008**

Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 39), Coburn/McCain Amendment No. 69 (to Amendment No. 26), to prohibit Urban Area Security Initiative grant recipients from funding projects that do not improve homeland security. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S1976, S1984**

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 40), Coburn Amendment No. 93 (to Amendment No. 26), to

transfer appropriations from the National Heritage Partnership Program to fund the resumption of public tours of the White House and visitor services and maintenance at national parks and monuments. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

Pages S1976, S1984

By 40 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 41), Toomey Modified Amendment No. 115 (to Amendment No. 26), to increase by \$25,000,000 the amount appropriated for Operation and Maintenance for the Department of Defense for programs, projects, and activities in the continental United States, and to provide an offset. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

Pages S1967, S1981–83, S1986–87

Withdrawn:

Durbin Amendment No. 123 (to Amendment No. 115), to change the enactment date.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 63 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 43), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill.

Pages S1987–88

Gold Star Wives Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 67, designating April 5, 2013, as “Gold Star Wives Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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192nd Anniversary of Independence of Greece: Senate agreed to S. Res. 84, recognizing the 192nd anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

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National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 85, designating April 2013 as “National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month”.

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Measures Considered:

Budget Resolution—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023.

Pages S1990–S2019

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that staff be permitted to make technical and conforming changes to the resolution, as necessary, consistent with amendments adopted during Senate consideration, including calculating the associated

change in the Net Interest function under Section 104 and incorporating the effect of such adopted amendments on the budgetary aggregates under Section 101 for Federal Revenues, the amount by which Federal revenues should be changed, New Budget Authority, Budget Outlays, Deficits, Public Debt, and Debt Held By the Public.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the period of debate for Economic Goals and Policy under Section 305b of the Congressional Budget Act occur on Thursday, March 21, 2013, at a time to be determined by the two managers.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the concurrent resolution at approximately 9 a.m., on Thursday, March 21, 2013; and that there be 34 hours remaining on the concurrent resolution, equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member.

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Executive Communications: **Page S2025**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S2026**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S2037–50**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S2050–51**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S2051**

Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—44) **Pages S1984, S1987–88, S1989**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:45 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2013. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2025.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Frederick Vollrath, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, Eric K. Fanning, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, and 41 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

SPACE THREATS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing

to examine assessing the risks, impacts, and solutions for space threats, after receiving testimony from James Green, Director, Planetary Science Division, Science Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Edward T. Lu, B612 Foundation, Mountain View, California; Richard DalBello, Intelsat, Bethesda, Maryland; and Joan Johnson-Freese, Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, with amendments.

CENTER FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID INNOVATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reforming the delivery system, focusing on the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, after receiving testimony from Richard J. Gilfillan, Director, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

COUNTERTERRORISM POLICIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine counterterrorism policies and priorities, focusing on addressing the evolving threat, after receiving testimony from former Representative Jane Harman, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and Kenneth L. Wainstein, Cadwalader, Wickersham and Taft LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; and Michael E. Leiter, former Director, National Counterterrorism Center, and Palantir Technologies, McLean, Virginia.

HURRICANE SANDY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Hurricane Sandy, focusing on getting the recovery right and the value of mitigation, after receiving testimony from W. Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill entitled, “Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Reauthorization Act of 2013”, and

S. 330, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

FUTURE OF DRONES IN AMERICA

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of drones in America, focusing on law enforcement and privacy considerations, after receiving testimony from Benjamin Miller, Mesa County Sheriff's Office Unmanned Aircraft Program, Mesa County, Colorado, on behalf of the Airborne Law Enforcement Association; Amie Stepanovich, Electronic Privacy Information Center, Washington, D.C.; Michael Toscano, Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, Arlington, Virginia; and Ryan Calo, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle.

IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine building an immigration system worthy of American values, after receiving testimony from Ahilan T. Arunlanantham, American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, Los Angeles; Michael W. Cutler, Senior Special Agent (Ret.), Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York, New York; Jan C. Ting, Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Pamela A. Stampf, The Castro Firm, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; and Paul Grussendorf, Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

VETERANS AFFAIRS MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Veterans Affairs mental health care, focusing on ensuring timely access to high-quality care, after receiving testimony from Robert A. Petzel, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health, Veterans Health Administration; Colonel Rebecca I. Porter, Chief, Behavioral Health Division, Office of the Surgeon General, United States Army, Department of Defense; Lieutenant Colonel Kenny Allred, USA (Ret.), National Alliance on Mental Illness Veterans and Military Council, Rockwood, Tennessee; Jacob Wood, Team Rubicon, Los Angeles, California; Andre Wing, The Vermont Veterans Outreach Program, South Burlington; Kimberly Ruocco, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, Newbury, Massachusetts; and Barbara Van Dahlen, Give an Hour, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 1275–1307; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 130 were introduced. **Pages H1717–20**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1720–21**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Hultgren to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1635**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1639**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicky, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City, MO. **Page H1639**

Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Representatives Shimkus, Womack, Israel, and Loretta Sanchez (CA). **Page H1645**

United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Representatives David Scott (GA), Schneider, Frankel, and Connolly. **Page H1645**

Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014: The House resumed consideration of H. Con. Res. 25, to establish the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023. Consideration of the concurrent resolution began yesterday, March 19th. **Pages H1645–H1710**

Rejected:

Mulvaney amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 113–21) that sought to insert the text of the Senate's Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for fiscal year 2014 (by a recorded vote of 154 ayes to 261 noes, Roll No. 83); **Pages H1645–64, H1680**

Scott (VA) amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–21) that sought to make significant investments in education, job training, transportation and infrastructure, and advanced research and development programs. The amendment protects the social safety net without

cutting Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, or SNAP. The amendment raises new revenue by closing corporate tax loopholes and preferences. The amendment reduces the annual budget deficit to 1.8% of GDP by FY 2023 (by a recorded vote of 105 ayes to 305 noes with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 84); **Pages H1664–71, H1680–81**

Grijalva amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 113–21) that sought to establish the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and set forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2013 and for fiscal years 2015 through 2023. The amendment is referred to as the "Back to Work Budget" (by a recorded vote of 84 ayes to 327 noes with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 85); **Pages H1671–80, H1681–82**

Woodall amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 113–21) that sought to balance in four years, remove the fiscal cliff tax increases, and cut discretionary spending to FY2008 levels (by a recorded vote of 104 ayes to 132 noes with 171 answering "present", Roll No. 86); and **Pages H1682–95**

Van Hollen amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 113–21) that sought to emphasize job creation and growth, replace the harmful sequester with a balanced approach to deficit reduction that includes targeted spending cuts as well as revenues, protect Medicare beneficiaries, and cut tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans while extending tax relief for the middle-class. The amendment meets these national priorities within a fiscally responsible framework that reduces the deficit to a sustainable 2.4 percent of GDP by 2023 (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 253 noes, Roll No. 87). **Pages H1695–H1710**

H. Res. 122, the rule providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) and the resolution (H. Res. 115), was agreed to yesterday, March 19th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 21st. **Page H1710**

Recess: The House met at 6:23 p.m. and reconvened at 8:08 p.m. **Page H1716**

Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that it shall be in order at any time to take from the Speaker's table the bill, H.R. 933, with Senate amendments thereto, and to consider in the House, without any intervention of any point of order, a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee that the

House concur in the Senate amendment(s); the Senate amendment(s) and the motion shall be considered as read; the motion shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1680, H1680–81, H1681–82, H1694–95 and H1709–10. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider the following measures: H.R. 634, the “Business Risk Mitigation and Price Stabilization Act of 2013”; H.R. 677, the “Inter-Affiliate Swap Clarification Act”; H.R. 742, the “Swap Data Repository and Clearinghouse Indemnification Correction Act of 2013”; H.R. 992, the “Swaps Regulatory Improvement Act”; H.R. 1003, to improve consideration by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission of the costs and benefits of its regulations and orders; H.R. 1038, the “Public Power Risk Management Act of 2013”; and H.R. 1256 to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to jointly adopt rules setting forth the application to cross-border swaps transactions of certain provisions relating to swaps that were enacted as part of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 634; H.R. 742; H.R. 1003; H.R. 1038; H.R. 1256; and H.R. 992. The following bill was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 677.

APPROPRIATIONS—CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH OVERSIGHT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Children’s Mental Health Oversight. Testimony was heard from Pamela Hyde, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and Deb Delisle, Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL GUARD AND U.S. ARMY RESERVE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve Oversight. Testimony was heard from General Frank J. Grass, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Lieutenant General William E. Ingram, Jr., Director, Army National Guard; Lieutenant General Stanley E. “Sid” Clarke III, Director, Air National Guard; and Lieutenant General Jeffrey W. Talley, Chief, U.S. Army Reserve; National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve Oversight.

APPROPRIATIONS—CYBERSECURITY AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure. Testimony was heard from Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate; and Suzanne Spaulding, Deputy Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate.

APPROPRIATIONS—MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Major Construction Projects of the Department of Energy Oversight. Testimony was heard from Bob Raines, Associate Administrator for Acquisition and Project Management, National Nuclear Security Administration; Jack Surash, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Project Management, Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy; Paul Bosco, Director, Office of Acquisition and Project Management, Department of Energy; Dave Trimble, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Mike Ferguson, Chief of Cost Engineering, Huntington District, Army Corps of Engineers; and William A. Eckroade, Principal Deputy Chief, Office of Health, Safety and Security, Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS—JUDICIARY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Judiciary Oversight. Testimony was heard from Julia S. Gibbons, Chair, Committee on the Budget of the Judicial Conference of the United States; and Thomas F. Hogan, Director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Aeronautics and Space Administration Budget. Testimony was heard from Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

U.S. NORTHERN COMMAND AND U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on the Posture of the U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command. Testimony was heard from General Charles H. Jacoby, Jr., USA, Commander, U.S. Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command; and General John F. Kelly, USMC, Commander, U.S. Southern Command.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1120, the “Preventing Greater Uncertainty in Labor-Management Relations Act”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Health Information Technologies: How Innovation Benefits Patients”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STATE OF COMMUNITY BANKING IN THE CURRENT REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “State of Community Banking: Is the Current Regulatory Environment Adversely Affecting Community Financial Institutions?”. Testimony was heard from the following Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation: Richard Brown, Chief Economist and Associate Director, Division of Insurance and Research; Doreen Eberley, Director, Division of Risk Management Supervision; Bret Edwards, Director, Division of Resolutions and Receiverships; Jon T. Rymer, Inspector General; and Lawrence L. Evans, Jr., Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

CRISIS IN SYRIA: THE U.S. RESPONSE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Crisis in Syria: The U.S. Response”. Testimony was heard from Robert S. Ford, American Ambassador to Syria; Anne C. Richard, Assistant Secretary Bureau for Population, Refugees,

and Migration, Department of State; and Nancy E. Lindborg, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance; United States Agency for International Development.

HEZBOLLAH’S STRATEGIC SHIFT: A GLOBAL TERRORIST THREAT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing on “Hezbollah’s Strategic Shift: A Global Terrorist Threat”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEASURING OUTCOMES TO UNDERSTAND THE STATE OF BORDER SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Measuring Outcomes to Understand the State of Border Security”. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Fisher, Chief, Border Patrol, Department of Homeland Security; Kevin McAleenan, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations; Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Mark Borkowski, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Technology Innovation and Acquisition, Customs and Border Protection; and Veronica Escobar, Judge, El Paso County, Texas.

CYBER THREATS FROM CHINA, RUSSIA AND IRAN: PROTECTING AMERICAN CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technology held a hearing entitled “Cyber Threats from China, Russia and Iran: Protecting American Critical Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law began a markup on H.R. 367, the “Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2013”; and H.R. 982, the “Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act of 2012”. The Committee ordered reported, without amendment H.R. 367. The Committee did not complete action on H.R. 982.

THE REGISTER’S CALL FOR UPDATES TO U.S. COPYRIGHT LAW

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The Register’s Call for Updates to U.S. Copyright Law”. Testimony was heard from Maria Pallante, Register of Copyright, U.S. Copyright Office.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 527, the “Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act”; H.R. 254, the “Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act”; H.R. 291, the “Black Hills Cemetery Act”; H.R. 507, the “Pascua Yaqui Tribe Trust Land Act”; H.R. 588, the “Vietnam Veterans Donor Acknowledgment Act of 2013”; H.R. 678, the “Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act”; H.R. 716, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the city of Vancouver, Washington, and for other purposes; H.R. 1033, the “American Battlefield Protection Program Amendments Act of 2013”; and H.R. 1159, the “Cabin Fee Act of 2013”. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 254; H.R. 291; H.R. 507; H.R. 588; H.R. 678; H.R. 716; and H.R. 1033. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 527; and H.R. 1159.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider the following: H.R. 1232, the “Federal Information Technology Acquisition and Reform Act”; H.R. 1211, the “FOIA Oversight and Implementation Act of 2013”; H.R. 1163, the “Federal Information Security Amendments Act of 2013”; H.R. 1162, the “Government Accountability Office Improvement Act”; H.R. 1233, the “Presidential and Federal Records Act Amendments of 2013”; H.R. 1234, the “Electronic Message Preservation Act”; H.R. 328, the “Excess Federal Building and Property Disposal Act of 2013”; H.R. 1133, the “Presidential Library Donation Reform Act”; H.R. 1104, the “Federal Advisory Committee Reform Act”; H.R. 249, the “Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act of 2013”; H.R. 882, the “Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2013”; H.R. 313, the “Government Spending Accountability Act of 2013”; and H.R. 1246, the “DC CFO Vacancy Act.” The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 249; H.R. 882; H.R. 328; H.R. 1163; H.R. 1232; H.R. 1162; H.R. 1133; H.R. 1104; and H.R. 1246. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 313; H.R. 1211; H.R. 1233; and H.R. 1234.

IMPROVING EPA’S SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY PROCESSES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Improving EPA’s Scientific Advisory Processes.” Testimony was heard from Michael Honeycutt, Chief Toxicologist, Texas Commission on Environmental

Quality; Roger McClellan, Advisor, Toxicology and Human Health Risk Analysis; and a public witness.

EXAMINING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF NIST LABORATORIES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing entitled “Examining the Effectiveness of NIST Laboratories”. Testimony was heard from Willie E. May, Associate Director for Laboratory Programs, National Institute of Standards and Technology; and a public witness.

INEFFICIENCIES AND DUPLICATION ACROSS FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Entrepreneurial Assistance: Examining Inefficiencies and Duplication Across Federal Programs.” Testimony was heard from William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investments, Government Accountability Office; Michael A. Chodos, Associate Administrator for Entrepreneurial Development, Office of Entrepreneurial Development, Small Business Administration; and Doug O’Brien, Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND WORKLOAD MANAGEMENT TO IMPROVE DISABILITY CLAIMS PROCESSING

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Focusing on People: A Review of VA’s Plans for Employee Training, Accountability, and Workload Management to Improve Disability Claims Processing.” Testimony was heard from Allison Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Diana Rubens, Deputy Under Secretary for Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

CHALLENGES OF ACHIEVING FAIR AND CONSISTENT DISABILITY DECISIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled “Challenges of Achieving Fair and Consistent Disability Decisions.” Testimony was heard from Patrick P. O’Carroll, Jr., Inspector General, Social Security Administration; and Arthur R. Spencer, Associate Commissioner, Office of Disability Programs, Social Security Administration; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL PRODUCTS TAX REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing entitled “Financial Products Tax Reform.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nomination of Sarah Jewell, of Washington, to be Secretary of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Asia, focusing on democracy, good governance and human rights, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security at 10 years, focusing on a progress report on management, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Jane Kelly, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, and Kenneth John Gonzales, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, March 21, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science, and Related Agencies, hearing for Members of Congress and outside witnesses, 9:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 21, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, hearing on Federal Transit Administration Oversight, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies, hearing on USDA Inspector General Oversight, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, March 21, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on an Update on Military Suicide Prevention, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 21, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing on “Our Nation of Builders: The Strength of Steel”, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Health Information Technologies: Administration Perspectives on Innovation and Regulation”, 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, March 21, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled “Cyber Attacks: An Unprecedented Threat to U.S. National Security”, 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, March 21, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 910, the “Sikes Act Reauthorization Act of 2013”; and H.R. 1080, to amend the Sikes Act to promote the use of cooperative agreements under such an Act for land management related to Department of Defense readiness activities and to amend title 10, United States Code, to facilitate inter-agency cooperation in conservation programs to avoid or reduce adverse impacts on military readiness activities, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

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