Friday, June 28, 2013

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned under the provisions of S. Con. Res. 19, until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2013.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 2571–2607; 1 private bill, H.R. 2608; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 51; H. Con. Res. 42; and H. Res. 285–287, were introduced.

Pages H4173–75, H4176

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H4177**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1341, to require the Financial Stability Oversight Council to conduct a study of the likely effects of the differences between the United States and other jurisdictions in implementing the derivatives credit valuation adjustment capital requirement, with amendments (H. Rept. 113–134, Pt. 1)

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H4147, H4160**

Offshore Energy and Jobs Act: The House passed H.R. 2231, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to increase energy exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf, provide for equitable revenue sharing for all coastal States, and implement the reorganization of the functions of the former Minerals Management Service into distinct and separate agencies, by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 304. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, June 27th. **Pages H4149–60**

Rejected the Schneider motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 225 noes with 1 answering ''present'', Roll No. 303. **Pages H4157–59**

Agreed to:

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–131) that provides that all claims arising from projects taking place due to the underlying bill be filed within 60 days and resolved within 180 days. It also places restrictions on appeals and institutes a ''loser pays'' requirement on individuals or entities filing suit, except in specified circumstances, and stipulates that the amendment only applies to individuals or entities which are not party to the pending leases (by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 202 noes, Roll No. 300). **Pages H4150–52, H4155–56**

Rejected:

DeFazio amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–131) that sought to prohibit offshore oil and gas leases in Bristol Bay off the coast of Alaska (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 299); **Pages H4149–50, H4155**

Grayson amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–131), as modified pursuant to the order of the House of June 27, 2013, that sought to ensure that no portion of this legislation is construed as affecting the right of any state to prohibit the management, leasing, developing, and use of lands (including offshore oil drilling) beneath navigable waters within its boundaries (by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 210 noes, Roll No. 301); and

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Capps amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–131) that sought to ensure Section 203, relating to oil and gas lease sales in the Southern California planning area, and Title III, relating

to OCS revenue sharing with coastal states, have no force or effect (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 302). **Pages H4153–54, H4157**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H4160**

H. Res. 274, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1613), (H.R. 2231), and (H.R. 2410), was agreed to on Wednesday, June 26th.

Official Objectors for the Private Calendar for the 113th Congress: On behalf of the Majority and Minority leadership, the Chair announced the following official objectors for the Private Calendar for the 113th Congress: Representatives Goodlatte, Sensenbrenner, and Gowdy for the Majority and Representatives Serrano, Nadler, and Bass for the Minority. **Page H4168**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4160.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4155, H4155–56, H4156–57, H4157, H4159, and H4160. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and at 12:39 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 19, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2013.

Committee Meetings

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE IRREGULAR WARFARE CHALLENGES: PRIVATE SECTOR PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled "Past, Present, and Future Irregular Warfare Challenges: Private Sector Perspectives". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING REFORMS TO IMPROVE THE MEDICARE PART B DRUG PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Examining Reforms to Improve the Medicare Part B Drug Program for Seniors". Testimony was heard from Cliff Binder, Health Care Financing Analyst, Congressional Research Service; James Cosgrove, Director, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2013

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing on legislation regarding the "Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2013". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider a resolution concerning whether Lois Lerner, waived her Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination when she made a statement at the Committee hearing on May 22, 2013. The Committee agreed to the resolution.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a markup on H.R. 1786, the "National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization of 2013". The bill was forwarded, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 1288, the "World War II Merchant Mariner Service Act"; H.R. 1494, the "Blue Water Navy Ship Accountability Act"; H.R. 1623, the "VA Claims Efficiency Through Information Act of 2013"; H.R. 1809, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide notice of average times for processing claims and percentage of claims approved, and for other purposes; H.R. 2086, the "Pay As You Rate Act"; H.R. 2138, the "Ending VA Claims Disability Backlog and Accountability Act"; H.R. 2189, to establish a commission or task force to evaluate the backlog of disability claims of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 2341, the "Veterans Pension Protection Act"; H.R. 2382, the "Prioritizing Urgent Claims for Veterans Act"; and H.R. 2423, to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with private physicians to conduct medical disability examinations. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Butterfield; Gibson; and McCarthy (CA); and Thomas Murphy, Director, Compensation Service, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JULY 8, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, July 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Gregory Alan Phillips, of Wyoming, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, July 8

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