

actual damage to property, public lands and fire-fighting and restoration costs in states with laws limiting such damages. **Page H5754**

Proceedings Postponed:

Daines amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–215) that seeks to protect forest reserve projects from delay by precluding Court-issued injunctions based on alleged violations of procedural requirements in selecting, planning, or analyzing the project; **Pages H5747–49**

McClintock amendment (No. 3 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–215) that seeks to waive judicial review on any timber salvage project resulting from a wildfire occurring in 2013; and **Pages H5750–51**

McClintock amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–215) that seeks to prohibit the U.S. Forest Service from removing any roads or trails unless there has been a specific decision, which included adequate and appropriate public involvement, to decommission the specific road or trail in question. **Pages H5752–54**

H. Res. 351, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 687), (H.R. 1526), and (H.R. 3102) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 474, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Page H5694**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H5669, H5694.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5692–93, H5693, H5694, H5720, H5721. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. PRESENCE IN AFGHANISTAN POST-2014: VIEWS OF OUTSIDE EXPERTS

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Presence in Afghanistan Post-2014: Views of Outside Experts”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT’S POSTURE FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2013: THE LESSONS OF BENGHAZI

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a hearing entitled “Defense Department’s posture for September 11, 2013: What are the Lessons of Benghazi?” Testimony was heard from Gary Reid, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; and

Major General Darryl Roberson, USAF, Vice Director, Operations (J–3), Department of Defense, Joint Staff.

FUTURE OF UNION ORGANIZING

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pension held a hearing entitled “Future of Union Organizing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TWO WEEKS UNTIL ENROLLMENT: QUESTIONS FOR CCIIO

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Two Weeks Until Enrollment: Questions for CCIIO”. Testimony was heard from Gary Cohen, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

KEYSTONE’S RED TAPE ANNIVERSARY: FIVE YEARS OF BUREAUCRATIC DELAY AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS DENIED

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Keystone’s Red Tape Anniversary: Five Years of Bureaucratic Delay and Economic Benefits Denied”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Daines; Poe (TX); Holt; and Senator Hoeven; and public witnesses.

TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE ACT OF 2002

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Grimm; Capuano; King (NY); and Maloney; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Examining the Syrian Refugee Crisis”. Testimony was heard from Anne C. Richard, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State; and Nancy E. Lindborg, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development.

AN UNCLEAR ROADMAP: BURMA’S FRAGILE POLITICAL REFORMS AND GROWING ETHNIC STRIFE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “An Unclear Roadmap: Burma’s Fragile Political Reforms and Growing Ethnic Strife”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a markup on H. Res. 284, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to promoting energy security of European allies through opening up the Southern Gas Corridor. The resolution was forwarded, as amended.

ASSESSING THE NATION'S STATE OF PREPAREDNESS: A FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled "Assessing the Nation's State of Preparedness: A Federal, State, and Local Perspective". Testimony was heard from Tim Manning, Deputy Administrator, Protection and National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and public witnesses.

DHS ACQUISITION PRACTICES: IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR TAXPAYERS USING DEFENSE AND PRIVATE SECTOR LESSONS LEARNED

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency held a hearing entitled "DHS Acquisition Practices: Improving Outcomes for Taxpayers Using Defense and Private Sector Lessons Learned". Testimony was heard from Rafael Borrás, Undersecretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security; Michele Mackin, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Anne L. Richards, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Prisons". Testimony was heard from Charles E. Samuels, Jr., Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons.

PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, CONSOLIDATION, AND THE CONSEQUENT IMPACT ON COMPETITION IN HEALTHCARE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled "The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Consolidation, and the Consequent Impact on Competition in Healthcare". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

KEEPING HYDROPOWER AFFORDABLE AND RELIABLE: THE PROTECTION OF EXISTING HYDROPOWER INVESTMENTS AND THE PROMOTION OF NEW DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing entitled "Keeping Hydropower Affordable and Reliable: The Protection of Existing Hydropower Investments and the Promotion of New Development". Testimony was heard from Kerry McCalman, Senior Advisor, Hydropower and Electric Reliability Compliance Office, Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, Colorado; and public witnesses.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH STANDARDS FOR LAND-IN-TRUST DECISIONS FOR GAMING PURPOSES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing entitled "Executive Branch standards for land-in-trust decisions for gaming purposes". Testimony was heard from Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of Interior; Todd Mielke, County Commissioner, County of Spokane; and public witnesses.

REVIEWS OF THE BENGHAZI ATTACK AND UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Reviews of the Benghazi Attack and Unanswered Questions". Testimony was heard from Thomas R. Pickering, Chairman of the Benghazi Accountability Review Board; Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN (Ret.), Vice Chairman, Benghazi Accountability Review Board; and public witnesses.

DYSFUNCTION IN MANAGEMENT OF WEATHER AND CLIMATE SATELLITES—COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY

Subcommittee on Oversight and Subcommittee on Environment held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled "Dysfunction in Management of Weather and Climate Satellites". Testimony was heard from David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Mary Kicza, Assistant Administrator, Satellite and Information Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Marcus Watkins, Director, Joint Agency Satellite Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES TO EDUCATE SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND ENTREPRENEURS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “Private Sector Initiatives to Educate Small Business Owners and Entrepreneurs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3080, the “Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013”; H.R. 3095, to ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3096, to designate the building occupied by the Federal Bureau of Investigation located at 801 Follin Lane, Vienna, Virginia, as the “Michael D. Resnick Terrorist Screening Center”. The bills were ordered reported, without amendment.

TRIALS IN TRANSPARENCY: AN ANALYSIS OF VA COOPERATION WITH CONGRESS IN MEETING ITS OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES ON BEHALF OF VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Trials in Transparency: An Analysis of VA Cooperation with Congress in Meeting its Oversight Responsibilities on Behalf of Veterans”. Testimony was heard from Joan Mooney, Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Legislative Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE FRAUD CONSPIRACY IN PUERTO RICO

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled “Social Security Disability Insurance fraud conspiracy in Puerto

Rico”. Testimony was heard from Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., Inspector General, Social Security Administration; and Beatrice M. Disman, Regional Commissioner, New York Region, Social Security Administration, New York.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”. This was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “Resetting the Force for the Future: Risks of Sequestration”, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's Jobs: A Discussion on Career and Technical Education and Training Programs,” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled “The Department of the Interior's proposal to use a Categorical Exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for adding species to the Lacey Act's list of injurious wildlife”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “Infrastructure: Enabling Discovery and Ensuring Capability”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.