

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 3824–3840; and 2 resolutions, 105; H. Con. Res. 73 were introduced. **Pages H134–35**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H135–36**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed on January 2, 2014 as follows:

Annual Report on the Activities of the Committee on Ethics for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, First Session (H. Rept. 113–323).

A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 2952, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements in the laws relating to the advancement of security technologies for critical infrastructure protection, and for purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–324).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:22 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Reducing Excessive Deadline Obligations Act of 2013:** The House passed H.R. 2279, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act relating to review of regulations under such Act and to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 relating to financial responsibility for classes of facilities, by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 10.

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Rejected the Peters (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 9.

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Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–30 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill.

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Rejected:

Sinema amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–322) that sought to strike language that would expand eligibility for the National Priorities List (NPL) in Section 204, which is overseen by the Environmental Protection Agency. Would reinstate language that directs listing of the “highest priority facilities” for cleanup (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 7) and

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Tonko amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–322) that sought to block implementation of the bill if any provision would increase litigation, reduce funds available for cleaning up contaminated sites, or that would delay clean up of contaminated sites (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 8).

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H. Res. 455, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2279), (H.R. 3362), and (H.R. 3811), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 6, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 5.

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**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in memory of Ben Garrido Blaz, former Member of Congress.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H87.

**Senate Referral:** S. 1171 was referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and the Judiciary.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H95–96, H96, H108, H109, H110–11 and H111–12. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **EXTENDERS POLICIES: WHAT ARE THEY AND HOW SHOULD THEY CONTINUE UNDER A PERMANENT SGR REPEAL LANDSCAPE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “The Extenders Policies: What Are They and How Should They Continue Under a Permanent SGR Repeal Landscape?”. Testimony was heard from Glenn M. Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; Diane Rowland, Chair, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission; Michael Lu, Associate Administrator Maternal and Child Health Bureau Health Resources and Services Administration; Naomi Goldstein, Director Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families.

### **INTERNATIONAL IMPACTS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE’S QUANTITATIVE EASING PROGRAM**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “International Impacts of the Federal Reserve’s

Quantitative Easing Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Will there be an African Economic Community?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice held a hearing on H.R. 7, the “No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### OBAMA ADMINISTRATION’S WAR ON COAL: THE RECENT REPORT BY THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Obama Administration’s War on Coal: The Recent Report by the Office of the Inspector General”. Testimony was heard from Robert A. Knox, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Interior.

#### WASTE IN GOVERNMENT

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Waste in Government: What’s Being Done?”. Testimony was heard from Senators Carper and Coburn; and public witnesses.

#### PRIVATE SECTOR PROGRAMS THAT ENGAGE STUDENTS IN STEM

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Private Sector Programs that Engage Students in STEM”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D11)

H.R. 3304, to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict and to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to certain other veterans who were previously recommended for

award of the Medal of Honor. Signed on December 26, 2013. (Public Law 113–66)

H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014. Signed on December 26, 2013. (Public Law 113–67)

H.R. 623, to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. Signed on December 26, 2013. (Public Law 113–68)

H.R. 767, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project. Signed on December 26, 2013. (Public Law 113–69)

H.R. 2319, to clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans’ Memorial Establishment Act of 1994. Signed on December 26, 2013. (Public Law 113–70)

H.R. 3343, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to clarify the rules regarding the determination of the compensation of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia. Signed on December 26, 2013. (Public Law 113–71)

H.R. 3487, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act to extend through 2018 the authority of the Federal Election Commission to impose civil money penalties on the basis of a schedule of penalties established and published by the Commission, to expand such authority to certain other violations. Signed on December 26, 2013. (Public Law 113–72)

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

##### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### House

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “The Science Behind Discovery: Seismic Exploration and the Future of the Atlantic OCS”, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

##### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee:* to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for December 2013, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.