

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 61 public bills, H.R. 3712–3772; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 71–72; and H. Res. 441–445 were introduced. **Pages H8107–12**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H8112–13**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 94, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions (H. Rept. 113–291);

H.R. 95, to reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions (H. Rept. 113–292, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1994, to terminate the Election Assistance Commission (H. Rept. 113–293); and

H.R. 3107, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish cybersecurity occupation classifications, assess the cybersecurity workforce, develop a strategy to address identified gaps in the cybersecurity workforce, and for other purposes, with an amendment (Rept. 113–294). **Pages H8106–07**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7691**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:47 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7698**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. John Loudon, First Presbyterian Church, Lakeland, Florida. **Page H7698**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 250 yeas to 147 nays with 2 answering "present", Roll No. 639. **Page H7716**

**Oath of Office—Fifth Congressional District of Massachusetts:** Representative-elect Katherine M. Clark presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter received from the Honorable William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held December 10, 2013, the Honorable Katherine M. Clark was elected Representative to Congress for the Fifth Congressional District, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. **Pages H7714–15, H8104–05**

**Whole Number of the House:** The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the adminis-

tration of the oath to the gentlewoman from Massachusetts, Ms. Clark, the whole number of the House is 433. **Page H7715**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendments to H.R. 3304, with an amendment:* H. Res. 441, to provide for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendments to H.R. 3304, with an amendment, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 350 yeas to 69 nays, Roll No. 641; **Pages H7717–H8046, H8084–85**

*Providing a temporary extension of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 and amendments made by that Act:* H.R. 3695, amended, to provide a temporary extension of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 and amendments made by that Act, as previously extended and amended and with certain additional modifications and exceptions and to suspend permanent price support authorities; **Pages H8046–47**

*Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2013:* H.R. 1447, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies; and **Pages H8047–49**

*Assessing Progress in Haiti Act of 2013:* H.R. 3509, amended, to direct the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on the status of post-earthquake recovery and development efforts in Haiti. **Pages H8049–53**

**Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2014:** The House agreed to the Ryan (WI) motion that the House recede from its amendment to the amendment of the Senate to H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and concur therein with the amendment printed in Part A of H. Rept. 113–290, modified by the amendment printed in Part B of that report, by a recorded vote of 332 yeas to 94 noes, Roll No. 640. **Pages H7702–16, H8053–84**

H. Res. 438, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 638, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 637. **Pages H7714–16**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the late South African president Nelson Mandela. **Page H8084**

**Providing for corrections to the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3304:** The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Con. Res. 71, to provide for corrections to the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3304.

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**Honoring the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Nelson Mandela and expressing condolences on his passing:** The House agreed to discharge and agree to H. Res. 434, to honor the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Nelson Mandela and to express condolences on his passing.

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**Providing for corrections to the enrollment of H.J. Res. 59:** The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Con. Res. 72, to provide for corrections to the enrollment of H.J. Res. 59.

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**Fallen Firefighters Assistance Tax Clarification Act of 2013:** The House agreed to discharge and pass H.R. 3458, to treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 16th.

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**United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual on the part of the House of the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2015: Mr. Daniel M. Slane of Ohio.

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**Commission on Civil Rights—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment, effective December 16, 2013, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Commission on Civil Rights for a term expiring December 15, 2019: Peter N. Kirsanow of Cleveland, Ohio.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8096.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7714, H7715–16, H7716, H8083–84 and H8084–85. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and at 9:33 p.m., pursuant to House Resolution 434, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Monday, December 16, 2013 as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late President Nelson Mandela, former President of the Republic of South Africa.

**Program for Monday:** The House will meet in pro forma session at 11 a.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission". Testimony was heard from the following Federal Communications Commission officials: Tom Wheeler, Chairman; Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner; Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner; and Ajit Pai, Commissioner.

### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power; and Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled "Oversight of NRC Management and the Need for Legislative Reform"; and H.R. 3132, the "NRC Reorganization Plan Codification and Complements Act". Testimony was heard from the following Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials: Allison Macfarlane, Chairman; George Apostolakis, Commissioner; William Magwood, Commissioner; William Ostendorff, Commissioner; and Kristine Svinicki, Commissioner.

### **INTERNATIONAL FINANCE SYSTEM**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Annual Testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the International Finance System". Testimony was heard from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary, Department of Treasury.

### **FEDERAL RESERVE'S MANY MANDATES ON ITS 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Rethinking the Federal Reserve's Many Mandates on Its 100-Year Anniversary". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **IRAN'S PERSECUTION OF AMERICAN PASTOR ABEDINI WORSENS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled "Iran's Persecution of American Pastor Abedini Worsens". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **RESURGENCE OF AL-QAEDA IN IRAQ**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled "The Resurgence of al-Qaeda