

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Interim Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned sine die, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 125, until 12 noon on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: On Wednesday, December 17, 2014, Subcommittee on

Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone, after receiving testimony from Janet McCabe, Acting Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Bryan W. Shaw, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Austin; Thomas William Ferkol, Jr., Washington University School of Medicine, Saint Louis, Missouri; Vicki Patton, Environmental Defense Fund, Boulder, Colorado; Gregory A. Wellenius, Brown University School of Public Health, Providence, Rhode Island; and Ross Eisenberg, National Association of Manufacturers, Washington, DC.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: public bills, H.R. 5889–5893; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 784 were introduced. **Pages H10335–36**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H10336**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed on December 18, 2014 as follows:

Report on Activities During the 113th Congress, Second Session (Committee on Agriculture) (H. Rept. 113–679); and

Activities and Summary Report of the Committee on the Budget, 113th Congress, Second Session (H. Rept. 113–680).

A report was filed on December 19, 2014 as follows:

Second Annual Report of Activities of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology (H. Rept. 113–681).

Reports were filed on December 22, 2014 as follows:

Activity Report of the Committee on the Judiciary for the period January 3, 2013 through December 15, 2014 (H. Rept. 113–682);

H.R. 5214, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide for recommendations for the development and use of clinical data registries for the improvement of patient care, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–683);

Report on the Activities of the Committee on Small Business 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–684);

H.R. 69, to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–685);

H.R. 361, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and

scenic rivers, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–686);

H.R. 706, to establish the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, to dedicate the Park to John H. Chafee, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–687);

H.R. 916, to improve Federal land management, resource conservation, environmental protection, and use of Federal real property, by requiring the Secretary of the Interior to develop a multipurpose cadastre of Federal real property and identifying inaccurate, duplicate, and out-of-date Federal land inventories, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–688);

H.R. 1103, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Alexander Creek, Alaska, is and shall be recognized as an eligible Native village under that Act, and for other purposes, (H. Rept. 113–689);

H.R. 1363, to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under existing geothermal leases, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–690);

H.R. 1561, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make improvements to support facilities for National Historic Sites operated by the National Park Service, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–691);

H.R. 1785, to establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–692);

H.R. 1839, to designate certain Federal land in the San Juan National Forest in the State of Colorado as wilderness, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–693);

H.R. 3286, to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to reimburse States that use State funds to operate National Parks during the Federal Government shutdown, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–694);

H.R. 3806, to authorize payment of funds in accordance with the agreement entered into by the Tennessee Valley Authority, the State of North Carolina, Swain County, North Carolina, and the United States Department of the Interior, with amendments (H. Rept. 113–695);

H.R. 4166, to transfer recreational management authority for Lake Berryessa in the State of California from the Bureau of Reclamation to the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–696);

H.R. 4220, to authorize the exchange of certain Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Minnesota, (H. Rept. 113–697);

H.R. 4296, to amend Public Law 94–241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–698, Part 1);

H.R. 4534, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–699);

H.R. 4979, to provide legal certainty to property owners along the Red River in Texas, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–700);

H.R. 5003, to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–701);

H.R. 5026, to prohibit closing or repurposing any propagation fish hatchery or aquatic species propagation program of the Department of the Interior unless such action is expressly authorized by an Act of Congress, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–702);

H.R. 5139, to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit P16, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–703);

H.R. 5176, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–704);

H.R. 5203, to enhance the operation of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–705);

H.R. 5204, to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to improve recreation opportunities and increase consistency and accountability in the collection and expenditure of recreation fees collected on public lands and forests, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–706, Part 1);

H.R. 5476, to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–707);

S. 311, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–708);

S. 363, to expand geothermal production, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–709);

S. 609, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, New Mexico, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–710);

H.R. 4742, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide

flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–711);

H.R. 712, to extend the authorization of the Highlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2024, with amendments (H. Rept. 113–712, Part 1); and

S. 354, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–713).

Reports were filed on December 23, 2014 as follows:

Second Annual Report of Activities of the Committee on Armed Services for the 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–714);

H.R. 4342, to prohibit the National Telecommunications and Information Administration from relinquishing responsibility over the Internet domain name system until the Comptroller General of the United States submits to Congress a report on the role of the NTIA with respect to such system (H. Rept. 113–715); and

Activity Report of the Committee on Energy and Commerce for the Second Session of the 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–716).

A report was filed on December 29, 2014 as follows:

Annual Report on the Activity of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for the 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–717).

Reports were filed on December 30, 2014 as follows:

Summary on the Activities of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for the 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–718);

Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities of the House Committee on Homeland Security 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–719);

Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Natural Resources 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–720); and

Second Annual Report on the Activities of the Committee on House Administration During the 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–721).

A report was filed on December 31, 2014 as follows:

Second Annual Activity Report of the Committee on Financial Services for the period January 3, 2013 through January 2, 2015 (H. Rept. 113–722).

Reports were filed today as follows:

Report on the Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Ways and Means 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–723);

Committee on Appropriations Annual Report of Committee Activities, One Hundred Thirteenth Congress (H. Rept. 113–724);

Report on the Activities of the Committee on Education and the Workforce for the Second Session of the 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–725);

Survey of Activities of the House Committee on Rules for the 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–726);

Summary of Activities One Hundred Thirteenth Congress (H. Rept. 113–727);

Legislative Review and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, One Hundred Thirteenth Congress (H. Rept. 113–728);

H.R. 1575, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require a provider of a commercial mobile service or an IP-enabled voice service to provide call location information concerning the user of such a service to law enforcement agencies in order to respond to a call for emergency services or in an emergency situation that involves risk of death or serious physical harm, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–729, Part 1);

Annual Report on the Activities of the Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attacks in Benghazi of the House of Representatives during the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress (H. Rept. 113–730);

H.R. 328, to establish a pilot program for the expedited disposal of Federal real property (H. Rept. 113–731, Part 1);

H.R. 3300, to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–732, Part 1); and

H.R. 2748, to restore the financial solvency of the United States Postal Service and to ensure the efficient and affordable nationwide delivery of mail, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–733, Part 1).

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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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Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2014: The House agreed by unanimous consent to lay on the table H.R. 647, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H10327.

Senate Referrals: S. 1800 and S. 684 were held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Sine Die Adjournment: The House met at 1 p.m. and at 1:07 p.m., in accordance with the provisions of H. Con. Res. 125, the second session of the 113th Congress adjourned sine die.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1139)

H.R. 43, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Red River Avenue North in Cold Spring, Minnesota, as the “Officer Tommy Decker Memorial Post Office”. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–204)

H.R. 78, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4110 Alameda Road in Houston, Texas, as the “George Thomas ‘Mickey’ Leland Post Office Building”. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–205)

H.R. 451, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Beach, Florida, as the “Richard K. Salick Post Office”. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–206)

H.R. 1391, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 South Oak Street in London, Ohio, as the “London Fallen Veterans Memorial Post Office”. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–207)

H.R. 1707, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 302 East Green Street in Champaign, Illinois, as the “James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building”. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–208)

H.R. 2112, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 787 State Route 17M in Monroe, New York, as the “National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial Post Office”. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–209)

H.R. 2203, to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–210)

H.R. 2223, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the “Elizabeth L. Kinnunen

Post Office Building”. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–211)

H.R. 2366, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of World War I. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–212)

H.R. 2678, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10360 Southwest 186th Street in Miami, Florida, as the “Larcenia J. Bullard Post Office Building”. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–213)

H.R. 3085, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3349 West 111th Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building”. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–214)

H.R. 3375, to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be constructed at 3141 Centennial Boulevard, Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the “PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–215)

H.R. 3534, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 West Michigan Avenue in Jackson, Michigan, as the “Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office”. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–216)

H.R. 3682, to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 1961 Premier Drive in Mankato, Minnesota, as the “Lyle C. Pearson Community Based Outpatient Clinic”. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–217)

H.R. 3957, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218–10 Merrick Boulevard in Springfield Gardens, New York, as the “Cynthia Jenkins Post Office Building”. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–218)

H.R. 4189, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4000 Leap Road in Hilliard, Ohio, as the “Master Sergeant Shawn T. Hannon, Master Sergeant Jeffrey J. Rieck and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building”. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–219)

H.R. 4443, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Vermilyea Avenue, in New York, New York, as the “Corporal Juan Mariel Alcantara Post Office Building”. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–220)

H.R. 4812, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to establish a process for providing expedited and dignified passenger screening services for veterans traveling to visit war memorials built and dedicated to honor their service,