

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 47 public bills, H.R. 1726–1772; 1 private bill, H.R. 1773; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 83–84; and H. Res. 288, 290–293 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H4063–64**

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

H.R. 1171, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program for fiscal years 2010 through 2014, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–54);

H.R. 1377, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veteran eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–55);

H.R. 1513, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2009, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans (H. Rept. 111–56); and

H. Res. 289, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 111–57).

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Gary Shaw, Central Christian Center, Joplin, Missouri.

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**Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement Act:** The House passed H.R. 1404, to authorize a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands and to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy, by a recorded vote of 412 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 162.

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Accepted:

Rahall amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–52) that strikes from the bill the Sense of Congress language on the designation of Flame Fund appropriations as emergency spending; **Pages H4032–33**

Polis amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–52) that requires revisions of the cohesive wildland fire management strategy at least once every five years; **Pages H4033–34**

Hastings (WA) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–52) that requires the review of certain

wildfires specified in the bill to include an assessment of what actions, if any, could have been taken in advance of the fire that may have prevented the fire or at least reduced the severity of the fire;

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Hastings (WA) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–52) that requires the review of certain wildfires specified in the bill to include an assessment of the quantity of greenhouse gases produced as a result of the fire;

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Heinrich amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–52) that requires the cohesive wildland fire management strategy required in the bill to include among its elements a system to assess the impacts of climate change on the frequency and severity of wildland fire;

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Lujan amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–52) that requires the cohesive wildland fire management strategy required in the bill to include among its elements a system to study the effects of invasive species on wildland fire risk. Adds to the list of eligible uses for cost-share grants provided for in the bill implementation of fire-safety programs focused on the eradication or control of invasive species;

**Pages H4036–37**

Rahall amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–52) that requires the cohesive wildland fire management strategy required in the bill to include among its elements a plan, developed in coordination with the National Guard Bureau, to maximize the use of National Guard resources to fight wildfires;

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Perlmutter amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–52) that clarifies that authorized suppression activities for the Flame Fund include containment activities in response to crisis insect infestations to reduce the likelihood of wildfires (by a recorded vote of 420 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 157);

**Pages H4033, H4040–41**

Hastings (WA) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–52) that requires advance notice, in writing, to adjacent landowners whenever the Department of Agriculture sets a prescribed fire on National Forest System land (by a recorded vote of 420 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 158);

**Pages H4034, H4041**

Minnick amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–52) that requires that the Secretaries, in considering severity of and threat posed by a fire for the purposes of determining whether to declare that a wildland fire suppression activity is eligible for funding from the Flame Fund, take into account areas where insect infestation has created an extreme risk

for wildfire (by a recorded vote of 422 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 159); and

**Pages H4036, H4041–42**

Kirkpatrick (AZ) amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 111–52) that amends the definition of “fire-ready community” in the bill to provide that a community satisfies the definition if it is located within a priority area identified by the fire risk maps required by the bill, and meets two of the other four criteria listed in the bill for “fire-ready communities” (by a recorded vote of 418 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 160).

**Pages H4038, H4042–43**

Rejected:

Goodlatte amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 111–52) that sought to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with a State Forester to prepare and implement “good neighbor” projects on National Forest System land to complement any similar project being performed on bordering or adjacent non-Federal land. Would have provided that the decision to proceed with a good neighbor project is in the Secretary’s sole discretion. Defined good neighbor projects to include certain fuels reduction projects (by a recorded vote of 148 ayes to 272 noes, Roll No. 161).

**Pages H4038–40, H4043**

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

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H. Res. 281, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, March 25th.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 30th for morning hour debate.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4040–41, H4041, H4042, H4042–43, H4043 and H4044. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### STATE OF OBESITY IN THE U.S.

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry held a hearing on the state of obesity in the United States. Testimony was heard from William Dietz, M.D., Director, Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### TOBACCO PRODUCTION IN THE U.S.

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Rural Development, Biotechnology, Specialty Crops, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review tobacco production in the United States. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General. Testimony was heard from Daniel R. Levinson, Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on DEA. Testimony was heard from Michelle M. Leonhart, Acting Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice.

### HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on S&T Research and Transitioning Products Into Use. Testimony was heard from Bradley Buswell, Acting Under Secretary, Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

### INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies continued hearings on Native-American and Alaska Natives Issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on NIH: Budget Overview, Implementation of ARRA and Status of the National Children’s Study. Testimony was heard from Raynard Kington, M.D., Acting Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

### STATE, AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, and Foreign Operations, and Related Programs continue appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.