

251 yeas to 133 nays, Roll No. 322, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H3244.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3237–38, H3238, H3238–39, H3239–40, H3241–42, H3242, H3242–43 and H3243. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing to review pending free trade agreements. Testimony was heard from Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture; Ron Kirk, United States Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT— APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Smithsonian Institution FY12 Budget Oversight. Testimony was heard from Wayne Clough, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH—APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the House of Representatives FY 2012. Testimony was heard from Dan J. Strodel, Chief Administrative Officer; Karen Haas, Clerk of the House; and Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Reviewing Workers' Compensation for Federal Employees. Testimony was heard from Daniel Bertoni, Director of Education, Workforce and Income Security, GAO; Elliot P. Lewis, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General; Gary A. Steinberg, Acting Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor; Scott Szymendera, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup of H.R. 1683, the State Flexibility Act of 2011. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

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Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a markup of legislation regarding the Enhancing CPSC Authority and Discretion Act of 2011 (ECADA). The bill was forwarded, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee began a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 1309, the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2011; H.R. 1573, to facilitate implementation of title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; H.R. 1121, the Responsible Consumer Financial Protection Regulations Act of 2011; H.R. 1315, the Consumer Financial Protection Safety and Soundness Improvement Act of 2011; and H.R. 1667, to postpone the date for the transfer of functions to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection if the Bureau does not yet have a Director in place.

EXPORT CONTROLS, ARMS SALES, AND REFORM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on Export Controls, Arms Sales, and Reform: Balancing U.S. Interests, Part 1. Testimony was heard from Ellen Tauscher, Under Secretary, Arms Control and International Security, Department of State; Eric L. Hirschhorn, Under Secretary, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce; and James N. Miller, Jr., Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense.

TAKING MEASURE OF COUNTERMEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled "Taking Measure of Countermeasures (Part 2): A Review of Efforts to Protect the Homeland Through Distribution and Dispensing of CBRN Medical Countermeasures." Testimony was heard from Alexander G. Garza, MD, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Ali Khan, MD, Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Mike McHargue, Director of Emergency Operations, Division of Emergency Medical Operations, Florida Department of Health; David Starr, Director, Countermeasures Response Unit,

Emergency Preparedness and Response, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Lawrence E. Tan, Chief, Emergency Medical Services Division, Department of Public Safety, New Castle County, Delaware; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a markup of the following: H.R. 1690, MODERN Security Credentials Act; H.R. 1801, Risk-Based Security Screening for Members of The Armed Forces Act; and H.R. 1165, Transportation Security Administration Ombudsman Act of 2011. H.R. 1690 and H.R. 1165 were both forwarded, as amended. H.R. 1801, was forwarded, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 1800, the FISA Sunsets Reauthorization Act of 2011. The bill was ordered reported, without amendment.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following: H.R. 470, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes; H.R. 489, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes; and H.R. 818, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District. Testimony was heard from Kenny Evans, Mayor, Payson, Arizona; David Murillo, Deputy Commissioner for Operations, Bureau of Reclamation; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 295, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes; H.R. 670, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands; H.R. 991, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in

sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; H.R. 1160, McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act; H.R. 1670, Sikes Act Amendments Act. Testimony was heard from Rep. Kissell; Rowan Gould, Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service; Capt. John Lowell, Director, Office of Coast Survey, NOAA; Gordon Myers, Executive Director, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission; and public witnesses.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Health Care, DC, Census and the National Archives held a hearing entitled "The District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget: Ensuring Fiscal Sustainability." Testimony was heard from Vincent Gray, Mayor, District of Columbia; Kwame Brown, Chairman, DC City Council; Natwar Gandhi, Chief Financial Officer, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

THE MAILING INDUSTRY AND ITS FUTURE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy held a hearing entitled "Where Have All the Letters Gone?—The Mailing Industry and Its Future." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

POLITICIZING PROCUREMENT: WILL PRESIDENT OBAMA'S PROPOSAL CURB FREE SPEECH AND HURT SMALL BUSINESS?

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee and the Committee on Small Business held a joint hearing entitled "Politicizing Procurement: Will President Obama's Proposal Curb Free Speech and Hurt Small Business?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EPA REGULATIONS AND SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations and Regulations held a hearing entitled "Green Isn't Always Gold: Are EPA Regulations Harming Small Businesses?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CIVILIAN PROPERTY REALIGNMENT ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on How to Stop Sitting on Our Assets: A Review of the Civilian Property Realignment Act. Testimony was

heard from Daniel I. Werfel, Controller, OMB; Patrick F. Kennedy, Under Secretary for Management, Department of State; Anthony J. Principi, Former Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; Chairman, 2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission; David Winstead, Former Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 1407, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2011; H.R. 1484, Veterans Appeals Improvement Act of 2011; H.R. 1627, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements for the placement of monuments in Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes; H.R. 1383, Restoring G.I. Bill Fairness Act of 2011; H.R. 1657, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the enforcement penalties for misrepresentation of a business concern as a small business concern owned and controlled by veterans or as a small business concern owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans; and H.R. 802, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a VetStar Award Program. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1383, H.R. 802; H.R. 1407; H.R. 1484; and H.R. 1627. H.R. 1657 was ordered reported, without amendment.

BURDENS THAT THE TAX CODE IMPOSES ON AMERICAN COMPANIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on the burdens that the tax code imposes on American companies and how such burdens place them at a competitive disadvantage as they try to sell goods and services around the world. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REFORMING MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on reforming Medicare physician payments. Testimony was heard from Lisa Dulsky Watkins, MD, Associate Director, Vermont Blueprint for Health, Department of Vermont Health Access; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D430)

H.R. 1308, to amend the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission Act to extend the termination date for the Commission. Signed on May 12, 2011. (Public Law 112–13)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, markup on appropriations bill for FY 2012, 11 a.m., HC–5 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, markup on appropriations bill for FY 2012, 10:15 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing on Examining the Costs of Federal Overreach into School Meals, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing on FCC Process Reform, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on The American Energy Initiative, 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on The Stanford Ponzi Scheme: Lessons for Protecting Investors from the Next Securities Fraud, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Full Committee, continued markup on the following legislation: H.R. 1309, the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2011; H.R. 1573, to facilitate implementation of title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, promote regulatory coordination, and avoid market disruption; H.R. 1121, the Responsible Consumer Financial Protection Regulations Act of 2011; H.R. 1315, the Consumer Financial Protection Safety and Soundness Improvement Act of 2011; and H.R. 1667, to postpone the date for the transfer of functions to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection if the Bureau does not yet have a Director in place. 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing on China's Latest Crackdown on Dissent, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on Whether the Constitution Should Be Amended to Address the Federal Deficit, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing on American Energy Initiative: Identifying Roadblocks to