

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### GROWING JOBS IN RURAL AMERICA

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine growing jobs in rural America, after receiving testimony from Bruce Graham, Indiana Statewide Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc., Indianapolis; Zac Stewart, Ambient, LLC, Ignacio, Colorado; Paul Bony, ClimateMaster, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Helen Sanders, SAGE Electrochromics, Faribault, Minnesota; Marc Verbruggen, NatureWorks, Wayzata, Minnesota; Oliver P. Peoples, Metabolix, Cambridge, Massachusetts; John McIntosh, Signature Crypton Carpet, Dalton, Georgia; and Dennis Hall, The Ohio State University Bioproducts Innovation Center, Columbus.

### LIGHT WATER SMALL MODULAR REACTORS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine the safety and economics of light water small modular reactors, after receiving testimony from Peter Lyons, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Energy; William D. Magwood, IV, Commissioner, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Edwin Lyman, Union of Concerned Scientists, and Ernest J. Moniz, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, both of Cambridge, Massachusetts; E. James Ferland, Jr., Westinghouse Electric Company LLC, Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania; Christofer M. Mowry, Babcock and Wilcox Nuclear Energy, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina; and Paul Lorenzini, NuScale Power, Inc., Corvallis, Oregon.

### SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO CONGRESS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

### NATIONAL NANOTECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine the National Nanotechnology Investment, focusing on manufacturing, commercialization, and job creation, after receiving testimony from Charles H. Romine, Acting Associate Director for Laboratory Programs, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Chad A.

Mirkin, Northwestern University International Institute for Nanotechnology, Evanston, Illinois, on behalf of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology; Diandra L. Leslie-Pelecky, West Virginia University Nano Initiative, Morgantown; Thomas O'Neal, University of Central Florida, Orlando; and George McLendon, Rice University, Houston, Texas.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill to promote domestic development and deployment of clean energy technologies;

S. 201, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir;

S. 270, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon, with an amendment;

S. 271, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, with amendments;

S. 278, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado;

S. 292, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, with an amendment;

S. 333, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch;

S. 334, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir;

S. 382, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other permits;

S. 404, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior;

S. 512, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs to develop and demonstrate 2 small modular nuclear reactor designs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 519, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, with amendments;

S. 535, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument;

S. 683, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Mantua, Utah, with amendments;

S. 684, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah, with amendments;

S. 714, to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, with an amendment;

S. 734, to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Education, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 808, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District;

S. 897, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs;

S. 997, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend a water contract between the United States and the East Bench Irrigation District;

S. 1000, to promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1001, to reduce oil consumption and improve energy security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1067, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a research and development and demonstration program to reduce manufacturing and construction costs relating to nuclear reactors, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

## SUDAN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Sudan, focusing on a roadmap forward, after receiving testimony from Princeton Lyman, Special Envoy to Sudan, Department of State.

## EMPLOYMENT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine learning from what works for employment for persons with disabilities, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Martinez, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Disability Employment Policy; former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge, National Organization on Disability,

Washington, D.C.; Deborah Dagit, Merck, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey; and Amelia Wallrich, Frankfort, Illinois.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Cynthia Chavez Lamar, of New Mexico, Barbara Jeanne Ells, of Colorado, and Deborah Downing Goodman, of Oklahoma, all to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development.

## NATIVE WOMEN

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine native women, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Perrelli, Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Rose Weahkee, Director, Division of Behavioral Health, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Donald W. Rodgers, Cawtawba Indian Nation, Rock Hill, South Carolina, on behalf of the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.; Carmen O'Leary, Native Women's Society of the Great Plains, Timber Lake, South Dakota; Sherry Sanchez Tibbetts, American Indian Community Housing Organization, Duluth, Minnesota; Mickey Peercy, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Durant; and Sarah Deer, William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota, on behalf of the Amnesty International USA's Native American and Alaska Native Advisory Council.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Stephen A. Higginson, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Jane Margaret Triche-Milazzo, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Alison J. Nathan, and Katherine B. Forrest, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Susan Owens Hickey, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, and David V. Brewer, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute.

## VETERANS' AFFAIRS MENTAL HEALTH CARE

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Veterans' Affairs mental health care, focusing on closing the gaps, after receiving testimony from William Schoenhard, Deputy Under Secretary for Health Operations and Management, George Arana, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Clinical Operations, Antonette Zeiss, Acting Deputy Chief Patient Care Services Officer for Mental

Health, and Mary Schohn, Acting Director, Mental Health Operations, all of the Veterans Health Administration, and John D. Daigh, Jr., Assistant Inspector General for Health Care Inspections, and Michael Shepherd, Senior Physician, both of the Office of Inspector General, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Dave Underriner, Providence Health and Services, Oregon Region, Portland; Daniel Williams, National Alliance on Mental Illness,

Homewood, Alabama; and Andrea Sawyer, Wounded Warrior Project, Colonial Heights, Virginia.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

*Committee recessed subject to the call.*

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 2527–2549; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 65; and H. Res. 350–351 were introduced. **Pages H5084–86**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5087–88**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows: First Semiannual Activities and Summary Report of the Committee on the Budget for the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–147). **Page H5084**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5021**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5028**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. George Dillard, Peachtree City Christian Church, Peachtree City, Georgia. **Page H5028**

**Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012:** The House resumed consideration of H.R. 2354, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. Consideration of the measure began on Friday, July 8th. **Pages H5033–50, H5050–80**

Agreed to:

Reed amendment that was debated on July 13th that increases funding, by offset, for Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup by \$41 million (by a recorded vote of 261 ayes to 162 noes, Roll No. 575); **Page H5045**

Schiff amendment that was debated on July 13th that increases funding, by offset, for the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy by \$79,640,000 (by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 579); **Pages H5047–48**

Shimkus amendment that was debated on July 13th that increases funding, by offset, for the Yucca Mountain license application by \$10 million (by a recorded vote of 297 ayes to 130 noes, Roll No. 581); **Page H5049**

Gosar amendment (No. 66 printed in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2011) that prohibits funds from being used to implement or enforce section 327.13(a) of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations; **Pages H5053–54**

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of the Department of Energy Organization Act; **Pages H5056–58**

Hastings (WA) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to implement or enforce the recommendations or guidance proposed by the Army Corps of Engineers in the final draft of the McNary Shoreline Management Plan, Lake Wallula, Washington; **Pages H5058–59**

Hastings (WA) amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Department of Energy to move the Office of Environmental Management under the authority of the Under Secretary for Nuclear Security of the Department of Energy; **Page H5060**

Engel amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Department of Energy or any other Federal agency to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles, for any executive fleet, or for an agency's fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential Memorandum-Federal Fleet Performance, dated May 24, 2011; **Pages H5060–61**

Hastings (WA) amendment that prohibits funds from being used for the removal or associated mitigation of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project number 2342; **Page H5061**

Denham amendment that prohibits funds from being used to implement section 10011(b) of Public Law 111–11; **Pages H5064–65**