

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CONSUMER PROTECTION AND MIDDLE CLASS WEALTH BUILDING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine consumer protection and middle class wealth building in an age of growing household debt, after receiving testimony from Ray Boshara, Senior Advisor, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis; Atif Mian, University of California, Berkeley; Katherine Porter, University of California Irvine School of Law; Robert M. Lawless, University of Illinois College of Law, Urbana; G. Michael Flores, Bretton Woods, Inc., Saint Simons Island, Georgia; Doug Fecher, Wright-Patt Credit Union, Fairborn, Ohio; and Ida Rademacher, Corporation for Enterprise Development, and Susan K. Weinstock, Pew Charitable Trusts, both of Washington, D.C.

IMPROVING THE BUDGET PROCESS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving the budget process, focusing on strategies for more effective congressional budgeting, after receiving testimony from Maya MacGuineas, The New America Foundation Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, David B. Kendall, Third Way, G. William Hoagland, former Staff Director, Senate Budget Committee, Martin Paone, former Senate Democratic Secretary, and Eric Ueland, former Chief of Staff for Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, all of Washington, D.C.; and Donald F. Kettl, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, College Park.

SHALE GAS PRODUCTION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's Shale Gas Production Subcommittee's 90-day report, after receiving testimony from Stephen A. Holditch, Texas A&M University, College Station, on behalf of the Secretary of Energy's Advisory Board Shale Gas Subcommittee; Daniel Yergin, IHS Cambridge Energy Research Associates, Washington, D.C.; Mark D. Zoback, Stanford University Department of Geophysics, Palo Alto, California; and Kathleen A. McGinty, Weston Solutions, Inc., West Chester, Pennsylvania.

NUTRIENT POLLUTION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine nutrient pollution, focusing on an overview of nutrient reduction approaches, after re-

ceiving testimony from Nancy K. Stoner, Acting Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; William H. Werkheiser, Associate Director for Water, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Dave White, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; Shellie Chard-McClary, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality Water Quality Division Director, Oklahoma City; Richard J. Budell, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Office of Agricultural Water Policy Director, Tallahassee; George S. Hawkins, District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority General Manager; Nick Maravell, Nick's Organic Farm, Potomac, Maryland; and Andy Buchsbaum, National Wildlife Federation, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

MEDICARE PART D

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine costs of prescription drug abuse in the Medicare Part D program, including instances of questionable access to prescription drugs, after receiving testimony from Gregory D. Kutz, Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, Government Accountability Office; Jonathan Blum, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and Louis Saccoccio, National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association, Arlington, Virginia.

AGRICULTURAL LABOR

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security concluded a hearing to examine America's agricultural labor crisis, focusing on enacting a practical solution, after receiving testimony from Gary W. Black, Georgia Department of Agriculture Commissioner, Atlanta; Tom Nassif, Western Growers, Salinas, California; Robert A. Smith, Farm Credit East, Cobleskill, New York; Ronald D. Knutson, Texas A&M University, College Station; Arturo S. Rodriguez, United Farm Workers of America, Keene, California; Connie Horner, Horner Farms, Inc., Homerville, Georgia; and Eric A. Ruark, Federation for American Immigration Reform, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stephanie Dawn Thacker, of West Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Rockefeller and Manchin,

Michael Walter Fitzgerald, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, who was introduced by Senator Boxer, Ronnie Abrams, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, who was introduced by Senators Gillibrand and Coons, Rudolph Contreras, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Representative Norton, and Miranda Du, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, who was introduced by Senators Reid and Heller, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Irvin Charles McCullough III, of Maryland, to be Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 3085–3092; 1 private bill, H.R. 3093; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 420–421 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H6551–52

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fitzpatrick to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Pastor Jerry Creel, Brush Arbor Baptist Church, Orlando, FL.

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Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011 and EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 2681, to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue achievable standards for cement manufacturing facilities and H.R. 2250, to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue achievable standards for industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers, process heaters, and incinerators by a ye-and-nay vote of 257 yeas to 165 nays, Roll No. 746, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H6523–28, H6532–33

Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012: The House concurred in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2608, to provide for an additional temporary extension of

programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, by a ye-and-nay vote of 352 yeas to 66 nays, Roll No. 745.

Pages H6528–31, H6531–32

Recess: The House recessed at 1:42 p.m. and reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Brooks, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Homeland Security.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 420, electing certain Members to certain standing committees.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H6533.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6552–56.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6531–32, H6532–33. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

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FUTURE OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND THE U.S. MILITARY TEN YEARS AFTER 9/11

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on the future of National Defense and the U.S. Military Ten Years After 9/11: Perspectives from Former Service Chiefs and Vice Chiefs. Testimony was heard from General John Jumper, USAF