

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Tony Hammond, of Missouri, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Blunt, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the

nominations of Mark A. Robbins, of California, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and Roy Wallace McLeese III, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, who was introduced by Representative Norton, 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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 4144–4149; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 571, 573 were introduced. **Page H1209**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1209–10**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 3606, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies (H. Rept. 112–406, Pt. 2) and

H. Res. 572, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3606) to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies (H. Rept. 112–409). **Page H1209**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jenkins to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1155**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:01 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1162**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Applying the countervailing duty provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 to nonmarket economy countries: H.R. 4105, to apply the countervailing duty provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 to nonmarket economy countries, by a yea-and-nay vote of 370 yeas to 39 nays, Roll No. 96.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the late Honorable Donald

M. Payne, a Representative from the State of New Jersey. **Page H1179**

In Memory of the late Honorable Donald Payne of New Jersey: The House agreed to H. Res. 571, expressing the condolences of the House on the death of the Honorable Donald M. Payne, a Representative from the State of New Jersey. **Page H1179**

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the passing of Representative Payne of New Jersey, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 433. **Page H1179**

Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydro-power Development and Rural Jobs Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 2842, to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law. Further proceedings were postponed.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H1186**

Agreed to:

Tipton amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of March 5, 2012) that strikes “2011” and inserts “2012” in section 1. **Page H1187**

Rejected:

Ellison amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of March 5, 2012) that sought to state that section 2 of the bill and the amendments made by section 2 should not take effect unless the Secretary finds that such section and amendments, if in effect, shall not result in a net loss of jobs.

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Proceedings Postponed:

Napolitano amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of March 5, 2012) that seeks to strike the exemption for small conduit hydro-power development from the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. **Pages H1187–88**

H. Res. 570, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 97. **Pages H1179–80**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1178 and H1179–80. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 6:48 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 571, it stands adjourned in memory of the late Honorable Donald Payne.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the U.S. Agency for International Development. Testimony was heard from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, USAID.

APPROPRIATIONS—BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Bureau of Land Management. Testimony was heard from Robert Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management; and Karen Mouritsen, Budget Officer.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Department of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Ed Avalos, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Gregory L. Parham, Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; Alan Christian, Acting Administrator, Grain, Inspection Packers and Stockyards; Robert Keeney, Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service; and Michael Young, Budget Officer.

APPROPRIATIONS—AIR FORCE BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the U.S. Air Force. Testimony was heard from Michael B. Donley, Secretary of the Air Force; and General Norton A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff, Air Force.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the National Science Foundation. Testimony was heard from Subra Suresh, Director, National Science Foundation.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. COAST GUARD BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the U.S. Coast Guard. Testimony was heard from Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard.

APPROPRIATIONS—SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Committee on Financial Services held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Securities and Exchange Commission. Testimony was heard from Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Nuclear Nonproliferation and Naval Reactors and National Nuclear Security Administration. Testimony was heard from the following National Nuclear Security Administration officials: Thomas D'Agostino, Administrator; Anne Harrington, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation; and Admiral Kirkland Donald, Director, Naval Reactors.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the U.S. Geological Survey. Testimony was heard from Marcia K. McNutt, Director, U.S. Geological Survey; Suzzette Kimball, Deputy Director, U.S. Geological Survey; and Carla Burzyk, Director, Office of Budget, Planning, and Integration, U.S. Geological Survey.