

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, March 22nd. **Page H1442**

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

**United States Marshals Service 225th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act:** Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 886, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the establishment of the Nation's first Federal law enforcement agency, the United States Marshals Service, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 409 yeas to 2 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 120. **Pages H1442–43, H1452**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:48 p.m. and reconvened at 2:15 p.m. **Page H1450**

**Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act:** The House began consideration of H.R. 5, to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, March 22nd. **Pages H1443–50, H1450–52, H1453–90**

H. Res. 591, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 233 yeas to 182 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 119, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 231 yeas to 179 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 118.

**Pages H1443–50, H1450–52**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1450–51, H1451–52, H1452, H1452–53. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### DUPLICATIVE FEDERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

**Committee on Agriculture:** Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing entitled "To Identify Duplicative Federal Rural Development Programs". Testimony was heard from Dallas P. Tonsager, Under Secretary, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture; and William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

### APPROPRIATIONS—NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Projects held a hearing on the FY 2013 Budget for Department of State, Near Eastern Affairs. This was a closed hearing.

### APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Testimony was heard from Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

### APPROPRIATIONS—VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Veterans Employment and Training Programs. Testimony was heard from Lt. Col Ismael Ortiz USMC (Ret.), Deputy Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

### 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: Catherine E. Woteki, Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics; Edward Knipping, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service; Chavonda Jacobs-Young, Acting Administrator, National Institute of Food and Agriculture; Mary Bohman, Administrator, Economic Research Service; Cynthia Clark, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service; and Michael Young, Budget Officer.

### APPROPRIATIONS—INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE FORCE

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the U.S. Central Command and the International Security Assistance Force. This was a closed hearing.

**APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Dave Huiizenga, Assistant Secretary (Acting), Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy; and Glenn Podonsky, Chief Health, Safety, and Security Officer, Office of Health, Safety, and Security, Department of Energy.

**APPROPRIATIONS—INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Internal Revenue Service. Testimony was heard from Douglas H. Shulman, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

**APPROPRIATIONS—FY 2013 BUDGET REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**APPROPRIATIONS—HOMELAND SECURITY FACILITIES**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Department of Homeland Security Facilities. Testimony was heard from Rafael Borrás, Under Secretary, Management Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and Tara O'Toole, Under Secretary, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

**APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Shaun Donovan, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**APPROPRIATIONS—FY 2013 BUDGET ISSUES**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**APPROPRIATIONS—SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Small Business Administration. Testimony was heard from Karen G. Mills, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

**DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the Defense Health Program budget overview. Testimony was heard from Jonathan Woodson, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; Lieutenant General Patricia D. Horoho, USA, Surgeon General, U. S. Army; Vice Admiral Matthew L. Nathan, USN, Surgeon General, U. S. Navy; Lieutenant General Charles Bruce Green, USAF, Surgeon General, U. S. Air Force; and public witness.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee began a markup of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013.

**FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Reviewing the President's Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Proposals for the U.S. Department of Labor". Testimony was heard from Hilda L. Solis, Secretary, Department of Labor.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "The Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight and the Anniversary of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act". Testimony was heard from Senator Johnson (WI); Representative Edwards; and Steve Larsen, Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Center for Medicare and Medicaid, Department of Health and Human Services.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURE**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprise held a hearing on the Swap Data and Clearing House Indemnification Correction Act of 2012. Testimony was heard from, Ethiopis Tafara, Director, Office of International Affairs, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Daniel Berkovitz, General Counsel, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and public witness.

## MOTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A SUBPOENA

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a business meeting to consider a motion authorizing the issuance of a subpoena ad testificandum for the appearance of Edith O'Brien. The motion passed without amendment.

## RUSSIA 2012

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Russia 2012: Increased Repression, Rampant Corruption, Assisting Rogue Regimes". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## U.S. POLICY TOWARD DETERIORATING SITUATION IN IRAQ

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing entitled "Halting the Descent: U.S. Policy toward the Deteriorating Situation in Iraq". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## IRAN, HEZBOLLAH, AND THE THREAT TO THE HOMELAND

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Iran, Hezbollah, and the Threat to the Homeland". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## REAL ID ACT'S MINIMUM STANDARD FOR DRIVER'S LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled "Secure Identification: The REAL ID Act's Minimum Standards for Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards". Testimony was heard from David Heyman, Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

## FEDERAL REGULATIONS AND REGULATORY REFORM UNDER THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing entitled "The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: Federal Regulations and Regulatory Reform under the Obama Administration". Testimony was heard from Cass Sunstein, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs; and public witnesses.

## HARNESSING AMERICAN RESOURCES TO CREATE JOBS AND ADDRESS RISING GASOLINE PRICES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Families and Cost-of-Life Impacts". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## EUROPE'S SOVEREIGN DEBT CRISIS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Europe's Sovereign Debt Crisis: Causes, Consequences for the United States and Lessons Learned". Testimony was heard from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

## FOIA IN THE 21ST CENTURY

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform held a hearing entitled "FOIA in the 21st Century: Using Technology to Improve Transparency in Government". Testimony was heard from Miriam Nisbet, Director, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration; Andrew Battin, Director, Office of Information Collection, Environmental Protection Agency; Melanie Ann Pustay, Director, Office of Information Policy, Department of Justice; and public witness.

## JOB CREATION ROADMAP

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "A Job Creation Roadmap: How America's Entrepreneurs Can Lead Our Economic Recovery". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## INNOVATIVE FINANCING APPROACHES FOR COMMUNITY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled "Review of Innovative Financing Approaches for Community Water Infrastructure Projects—Part II". Testimony was heard from Ron Behm, Mayor, Napoleon, Ohio; Karen Massey, Director, Missouri Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority; David Weihrauch, Water Treatment Plant Manager, City of Oxford, Ohio; and public witnesses.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Secretary of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms and the U.S. Capitol Police, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the situation in Afghanistan; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine international harmonization of Wall Street reform, focusing on orderly liquidation, derivatives, and the Volcker Rule, 9:45 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 303, to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to require the Bureau of Land Management to provide a claimant of a small miner waiver from claim maintenance fees with a period of 60 days after written receipt of 1 or more defects is provided to the claimant by registered mail to cure the 1 or more defects or pay the claim maintenance fee, S. 1129, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, S. 1473, to amend Public Law 99-548 to provide for the implementation of the multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River, Nevada, and to extend the authority to purchase certain parcels of public land, S. 1492, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, S. 1559, to establish the San Juan Islands National Conservation Area in the San Juan Islands, Washington, S. 1635, to designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness, S. 1687, to adjust the boundary of Carson National Forest, New Mexico, S. 1774, to establish the Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, to designate certain Federal land as wilderness, and to improve the management of noxious weeds in the Lewis and Clark National Forest, S. 1788, to designate the Pine Forest Range Wilderness area in Humboldt County, Nevada, S. 1906, to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, S. 2001, to expand the Wild Rogue Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the Rogue River area, to provide additional protections for Rogue River tributaries, S. 2015, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in

the State of Wyoming, and S. 2056, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, Utah, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine prescription drug abuse, focusing on how Medicare and Medicaid are adapting to the challenge, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Scott H. DeLisi, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Michael A. Raynor, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, and Makila James, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland, all of the Department of State, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine stay-at-work and back-to-work strategies, focusing on lessons from the private sector, 10:15 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency, and Financial Management to examine problems in Army military pay, 10 a.m., 2154, Rayburn Building.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine S. 1898, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska, and H.R. 1560, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 2159, to extend the authorization of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program through fiscal year 2017, and the nominations of Richard Gary Taranto, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Robin S. Rosenbaum, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Gershwin A. Drain, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, and Gregory K. Davis, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine small business investment companies and their role in the entrepreneurship ecosystem, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentations of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Air Force Sergeants Association, Blinded Veterans Association, American Veterans (AMVETS), Gold Star Wives, Fleet Reserve Association, Military Officers Association of America, and the Jewish War Veterans, 10 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.