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VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs 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, National Guard Association of the United States, and the Jewish War Veterans, after receiving testimony from Charles Susino, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Arlington, Texas; John R. Davis, Fleet Reserve Association, and Robert F. Nor-

ton, USA (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, both of Alexandria, Virginia; Jamie H. Tomek, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; Allen E. Falk, Jewish War Veterans of the USA, Bill Lawson, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Sam Huhn, Blinded Veterans Association, and Gus Hargett, National Guard Association of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.; John R. McCauslin, USAF (Ret.), Air Force Sergeants Association, Suitland, Maryland; and Gary L. Fry, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

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: 17 public bills, H.R. 4239–4255; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 110–111; and H. Res. 594 were introduced. **Pages H1541–42**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1543**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

In the Matter Regarding Arrests of Members of the House During a Protest Outside the Embassy of Sudan in Washington, D.C., on March 16, 2012 (H. Rept. 112–419) and H.R. 3834, to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize activities for support of networking and information technology research, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–420). **Page H1541**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H1499, H1519**

Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act: The House passed 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, by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 181 noes with 4 answering "present", Roll No. 126. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, March 21st. **Pages H1501–19**

Rejected the Loeb sack motion to recommit the bill to the Committees on Ways and Means and En-

ergy and Commerce with instructions to report the same to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 229 noes with 2 answering "present", Roll No. 125. **Pages H1516–18**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–18 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees on Energy and Commerce and the Judiciary now printed in the bill. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. **Page H1501**

Agreed to:

Dent amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–416) that addresses the crisis in access to emergency care by extending liability coverage to on-call and emergency room physicians under the Public Health Service Act; **Pages H1507–09**

Gosar amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–416) that restores the application of antitrust laws to the business of health insurance by amending the McCarran-Ferguson Act; **Pages H1509–11**

Woodall amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–416) that strikes the findings in Title I (by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 173 noes with 2 answering "present", Roll No. 122); and

Pages H1504–05, H1513–14

Stearns amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–416) that grants limited civil liability protection to health professionals that volunteer at federally declared disaster sites (by a recorded vote of 251 ayes to 157 noes with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 124). **Pages H1511–13, H1515**

Rejected:

Bonamici amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–416) that sought to delay the date of enactment until the Secretary of Health and Human Services submits to Congress a report on the potential effect of this title on health care premiums (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 228 noes with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 123). **Pages H1505–07, H1514–15**

H. Res. 591, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, March 21st.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, March 26th for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business. **Page H1521**

Commission on International Religious Freedom—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following member on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term effective March 23, 2012 and ending May 14, 2014: Mr. Robert P. George of Princeton, NJ. **Page H1530**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1513–14, H1514–15, H1515, H1518, H1518–19. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—FY 2013 BUDGET ISSUES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 budget issues. Testimony was heard from Representatives Chu, Farr, Lipinski, Pierluisi, Posey, Gerald W. Hyland, Supervisor, Fairfax County, Virginia; Billy Frank, Chairman, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission; Seamus P. McCaffery, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; Tom Skalak, Vice President for Research, University of Virginia; and public witnesses.

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—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FY 2013 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Department of Education. Testimony was heard from Arnie Duncan, Secretary, Department of Education.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAJOR MODES

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 Transportation Major Modes. Testimony was heard from Michael Huerta, Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; Victor Mendez, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Joseph C. Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; and Peter Rogoff, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—COMMODITY FUTURE TRADING COMMISSION

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 Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

NAVY’S READINESS POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on the Navy’s readiness posture. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral William Burke, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Fleet Readiness and Logistics; Vice Admiral Kevin McCoy, USN, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command; and Vice Admiral David Architzel, USN, Commander, Naval Air Systems Command.

HAZING IN THE MILITARY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on hazing in the military. Testimony was heard from Sergeant Major of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III, USA, Sergeant Major of the Army; Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick D. West, USN, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy; Sergeant Major Michael P. Barrett, USMC, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps; Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James A. Roy, USAF, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force; and Master Chief Michael P. Leavitt, USCG, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard.