

Tunisian Republic, Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Mark A. Pekala, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Georgia, Kenneth Merten, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, and Jeffrey D. Levine, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, all of the Department of State, and Sara Margalit Aviel, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and lists in the Foreign Service.

PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security concluded a

hearing to examine the economic imperative for promoting international travel to the United States, including S. 2233, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to stimulate international tourism to the United States, after receiving testimony from Senator Mikulski; Rebecca Gambler, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and Thomas J. Donohue, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Roger Dow, U.S. Travel Association, both of Washington, D.C.

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: 10 public bills, H.R. 4263–4272; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 596, 598, 599, were introduced. **Page H1641**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1641–42**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 597, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 112) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 112–423). **Page H1641**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Paulsen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1577**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1582**

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

Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3606, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 380 yeas to 41 nays, Roll No. 132.

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Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H. Res. 596, requesting return of official papers on H.R. 5. **Page H1593**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our Nation in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families, and of all who serve in the armed forces and their families. **Page H1597**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, March 26th:

Homes for Heroes Act: H.R. 3298, to establish the position of Special Assistant for Veterans Affairs in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 414 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 133. **Pages H1598–99**

Point of Personal Privilege: Representative Maloney rose to a point of personal privilege and was recognized to proceed for one hour. **Page H1599**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012: H.R. 4239, amended, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the

Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs.

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Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2012: The House passed H.R. 3309, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, by a recorded vote of 247 ayes to 174 noes, Roll No. 138.

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Rejected the Perlmutter motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 137.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Agreed to:

Walden amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–422) that makes the FCC's handling of FOIA requests more open and transparent;

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Al Green (TX) amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–422) that clarifies that the Act would not impede the FCC's ability to provide, in times of an emergency, for effective and efficient communication systems to alert the public of dangerous weather conditions; and

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Eshoo amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 112–422), as modified, that expresses that nothing in this Act shall impede the FCC from providing efficient and effective communication systems for state and local first responders.

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Rejected:

Speier amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 112–422) that sought to prevent this Act from taking effect until the FCC provides a report on the impact of the changes of this Act on the FCC's mandate to promote competition and innovation;

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Crowley amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–422) that sought to require, in the event that the FCC creates or amends a rule relating to baby monitors, the FCC to require the packaging of a new baby monitor to display a warning label so that families are informed that video and sounds captured by an analog baby monitor may be easily viewed or heard by potential intruders outside a consumer's home (by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 134);

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Eshoo amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–422) that sought to require entities sponsoring

political programming to disclose the identity of any donor that has contributed \$10,000 or more to such entity in an election reporting cycle (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 135); and

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Owens amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–422) that sought to express that nothing in this Act shall impede the FCC from implementing rules to ensure broadband access in rural areas (by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 136).

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H. Res. 595, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 131, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 130.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H1582 and H1586.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1596–97, H1597, H1598, H1598–99, H1624–25, H1625, H1626, H1627–28, and H1628–29. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACHIEVING HEALTHIER NATIONAL FORESTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry held a hearing entitled "U.S. Forest Service Land Management: Challenges and Opportunities for Achieving Healthier National Forests". Testimony was heard from Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Gary Barth, Director, Business and Community Services, Clackamas County, Oregon; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witnesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.