

**MERCURY POLLUTION'S IMPACTS**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine mercury pollution's impacts to public health and the environment, after receiving testimony from Jerome A. Paulson, American Academy of Pediatrics, Susan E. Dudley, George Washington University Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration Regulatory Studies Center, and Jeffrey R. Holmstead, Bracewell and Giuliani LLP, all of Washington, DC; Brenda Archambo, Sturgeon for Tomorrow, Cheboygan, Michigan; and Charles T. Driscoll, Syracuse University Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Syracuse, New York.

**COMPREHENSIVE CONTINGENCY CONTRACTING REFORM ACT**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine S. 2139, to enhance security, increase accountability, and improve the contracting of the Federal Government for overseas contingency operations, after receiving testimony from Senator Webb; Richard T. Ginman, Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, and Lynne M. Halbrooks, Acting Inspector General, both of the Department of Defense; Patrick F. Kennedy, Under Secretary for Management, and Harold

W. Geisel, Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, and the Broadcasting Board of Governors, both of the Department of State; and Angelique M. Crumbly, Acting Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Management, and Michael Carroll, Acting Inspector General, both of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

**ENDING RACIAL PROFILING IN AMERICA**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine ending racial profiling in America, including S. 1670, to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, after receiving testimony from Senator Cardin; Representatives Conyers, Gutierrez, Ellison, Chu, and Frederica Wilson; Ronald L. Davis, Chief of Police, East Palo Alto, California; Anthony D. Romero, American Civil Liberties Union, New York, New York; Frank Gale, Fraternal Order of Police, Denver, Colorado; Roger Clegg, Center for Equal Opportunity, Falls Church, Virginia; and David A. Harris, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**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.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 4363–4376; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 621 was introduced. **Page H1914**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1915–16**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3523, to provide for the sharing of certain cyber threat intelligence and cyber threat information between the intelligence community and cybersecurity entities, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–445);

H. Res. 619, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4348) 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, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–446);

H. Res. 620, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 9) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction for domestic business income of qualified small businesses (H. Rept. 112–447); and

H.R. 1505, to prohibit the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture from taking action on public lands which impede border security on such lands, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–448, Pt. 1). **Page H1914**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fleischmann to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1849**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:12 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1856**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, April 16th:

*Lena Horne Recognition Act:* H.R. 1815, to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Lena Horne in recognition of her achievements and contributions to American culture and the civil rights movement, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 157. **Pages H1872–73**

*Sportsmen's Heritage Act of 2012:* The House passed H.R. 4089, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing and shooting, by a ye-and-nay vote of 274 yeas to 146 nays, Roll No. 164. **Pages H1860–72, H1873–96**

Rejected the Tierney motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 160 yeas to 261 noes, Roll No. 163. **Pages H1895–96**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–19 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill. That amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. **Pages H1879–81**

Agreed to:

Hastings (WA) manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–444) that adds shooting ranges to the list of valid uses of public land and clarifies the term "wilderness areas" by adding "including Wilderness Areas, Wilderness Study Areas, or lands administratively classified as wilderness eligible or suitable and primitive or semi-primitive areas." States that the protection given to hunting in wilderness areas is not intended to permit motorized recreation or mineral extraction and reduces the reporting requirements. Addresses technical conflicts between Title I and Title II over certain Bureau of Land Management land and makes several technical changes; **Pages H1881–82**

Fleming amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–444) that prohibits the Forest Service from banning hunters with dogs during deer season on Kisatchie National Forest; and **Pages H1886–87**

Foxx amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–444) that requires Presidential monument designations provided for under the Antiquities Act to be approved by the state legislatures and governors where the proposed monument is located (by a recorded vote of 223 yeas to 198 noes, Roll No. 162). **Pages H1889–91, H1894–95**

Rejected:

Holt amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–444) that sought to make a technical correction to clarify that all units of the National Park System, not just National Parks and National Monuments,

are exempt from Title I. National Park System units currently open for hunting or recreational shooting would not be affected (by a recorded vote of 152 yeas to 260 noes, Roll No. 158);

**Pages H1882–83, H1891–92**

Grijalva amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–444) that sought to make the new restrictions on managing hunting, fishing and recreational shooting effective only if the amount of land available for those purposes falls below 75% of all Federal public lands (by a recorded vote of 138 yeas to 279 noes, Roll No. 159); **Pages H1883–84, H1892–93**

Peters amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–444) that sought to strike a provision in the underlying bill allowing the importation of endangered polar bear trophies from Canada by hunters who killed the bears despite warnings that importation of the bears would likely be illegal (by a recorded vote of 155 yeas to 262 noes, Roll No. 160); and **Pages H1884–86, H1893**

Heinrich amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–444) that sought to preserve hunting, fishing and recreational shooting in wilderness areas by specifying that the underlying bill will not allow development and motorized recreation in wilderness (by a recorded vote of 176 yeas to 244 noes, Roll No. 161). **Pages H1887–89, H1893**

Withdrawn:

Bishop (NY) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–444) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have allowed for recreational fishing of Atlantic Striped Bass in the Block Island Sound transit zone. **Pages H1887–88**

H. Res. 614, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 yeas to 184 noes, Roll No. 156, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 155. **Pages H1870–72**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 614 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a ye-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 154.

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Pursuant to section 2 of H. Res. 614, the provisions of H. Con. Res. 112, as adopted by the House, shall have force and effect in the House as though Congress has adopted such concurrent resolution with the modifications specified in subsection (b), pending the adoption of a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2013. **Page H1860**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:10 p.m. and reconvened at 5:53 p.m. **Page H1891**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four ye-and-nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1862,

H1871, H1871–72, H1872–73, H1891–92, H1892–93, H1893, H1893–94, H1894–95, H1896, H1896–97. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BILL

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a Member's Day on national defense priorities for the fiscal year 2013 national defense authorization bill. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Hanna; Connolly; Holt; Huelskamp; Davis, IL; Cravaack; Boren; Guthrie; Graves; Neugebauer; Walsh; Pierluisi; Chu; Herrera-Beutler; Latham; Stivers; Murphy, PA; Crawford; and Honda.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE BUDGET—ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on FY 2013 National Defense Budget Request for Atomic Energy Defense Activities and Nuclear Forces Programs. Testimony was heard from Madelyn R. Creedon, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Strategic Affairs, Department of Defense; General C. Robert Kehler, USAF, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; Thomas P. D'Agostino, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy; David G., HuiZenga, Senior Advisor for Environmental Management, Department of Energy; and Peter S. Winokur, Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

### STRENGTHENING THE SAFETY NET

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Strengthening the Safety Net". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4297, the "Workforce Investment Improvement Act of 2012". Testimony was heard from Norma Noble, Deputy Secretary of Commerce for Workforce Development, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Sandy Harmsen, San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power continued a markup of the "Gasoline Regulations Act of 2012"; and the "Strategic Energy Production Act of 2012". The "Gasoline

Regulations Act of 2012" was ordered reported, as amended; and the "Strategic Energy Production Act of 2012" was ordered reported, as amended.

### COINAGE PRODUCTION

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology held a hearing entitled "The Future of Money: Coinage Production". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### INCREASING AMERICAN JOBS THROUGH GREATER EXPORTS TO AFRICA ACT

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled "The Increasing American Jobs Through Greater Exports to Africa Act". Testimony was heard from Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Florizelle Liser, Assistant United States Trade Representative for Africa, Office of the United States Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

### UTILIZATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD TO ACHIEVE OPERATIONAL CONTROL

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border and Maritime held a hearing entitled "Boots on the Ground or Eyes in the Sky: How Best to Utilize the National Guard to Achieve Operational Control". Testimony was heard from Paul N. Stockton, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; Ronald D. Vitiello, Deputy Chief, Border Patrol, Department of Homeland Security; Martin Vaughan, Executive Director, Southwest Region, Office of Air and Marine, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Major General John Nichols, Adjutant General, Texas National Guard; and Brian J. Lepore, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office.

### TAKING MEASURE OF COUNTERMEASURES (PART 3): PROTECTING THE PROTECTORS

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled "Taking Measure of Countermeasures (Part 3): Protecting the Protectors". Testimony was heard from J. D. Polk, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Health Affairs, Department of Homeland Security; Edward J. Gabriel, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; Chris Nocco, Sheriff, Pasco County, Florida; and public witnesses.