

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 4377–4399; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 116; and H. Res. 622 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1978**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1917**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1922**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 295 yeas to 118 nays with 2 answering "present", Roll No. 167. **Pages H1922, H1932**

Providing an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs: The House passed 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, by a recorded vote of 293 yeas to 127 noes, Roll No. 170. **Pages H1925–62**

Rejected the Polis motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 176 yeas to 242 noes, Roll No. 169. **Page H1959–61**

Agreed to:

Boustany amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–446) that includes a guarantee that requires that the total amount available for spending from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF) each fiscal year be equal to the Trust Fund receipts as estimated by the President's budget for that year; **Page H1944**

McKinley amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–446) that inserts the text of H.R. 2273, Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act. Leaves regulation and enforcement of coal combustion residuals to the states, and utilizes the existing framework and requirements of Federal regulatory programs for those states to follow; and **Pages H1955–58**

Ribble amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–446) that adds to the bill the environmental streamlining provisions from Title III of the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act (H.R. 7) (by

a recorded vote of 255 yeas to 165 noes, Roll No. 168). **Pages H1946–55, H1958–59**

H. Res. 619, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 246 yeas to 177 noes, Roll No. 166, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 165. **Pages H1930–32**

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

Mark Twain Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 2453, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Mark Twain, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 4 nays with 2 answering "present", Roll No. 171. **Page H1962**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow. **Page H1963**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1930–31, H1931–32, H1932, H1958–59, H1960–61, H1961–62, H1962. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider a proposal to satisfy the Committee's reconciliation instructions required by H. Con. Res. 112. The recommendations with respect to Title I were adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water held a markup of Appropriations Bill FY 2013. The bill was forwarded without amendment.

NAVY'S 30 YEAR SHIPBUILDING PLAN

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Navy's 30 Year Shipbuilding Plan—Assumptions and Associated Risks to National Security. Testimony was heard from Ronald O'Rourke, Defense Policy and Arms Control Section, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Reviewing the Impact of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs’ Regulatory and Enforcement Actions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FDA USER FEES 2012

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “FDA User Fees 2012: How Innovation Helps Patients and Jobs”. Testimony was heard from Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration; Jeffrey E. Shuren, Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration; and public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup of the Committee Print of Budget Reconciliation legislative recommendations of the Committee on Financial Services. The following was passed as amended: Committee Print of budget reconciliation legislative recommendations of the Committee on Financial Services for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

NORTH KOREA AFTER KIM JONG-IL

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “North Korea after Kim Jong-il: Still Dangerous and Erratic”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUREAU OF COUNTERTERRORISM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Bureau of Counterterrorism: Budget, Programs, and Policies”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Benjamin, Ambassador-at-Large, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Bureau of Counterterrorism, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 3674, the “PRECISE Act of 2011”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: ENSURING CONTINUITY AND EFFICIENCY DURING LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Library of Congress: Ensuring Continuity and Efficiency During Leadership Transitions”. Testimony was heard from

David S. Mao, Law Librarian, Law Library of Congress; Mary B. Mazanec, Director, Congressional Research Service; Maria A. Pallante, Register of Copyrights, Copyright Office; and Roberta I. Shaffer, Associate Librarian for Library Services, Library of Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee continued markup of Committee Print of Material to be Transmitted to the Committee on the Budget Pursuant to Section 201 of H. Con Res. 112.

OVERSIGHT OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT’S VOTING RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing entitled “Voting Wrongs: Oversight of the Justice Department’s Voting Rights Enforcement”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DOCUMENT FRAUD IN EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION: HOW AN E-VERIFY REQUIREMENT CAN HELP

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement held a hearing entitled “Document Fraud in Employment Authorization: How an E-Verify Requirement Can Help”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup of the following measures: H.R. 538, the “Federal Customer Service Enhancement Act”; H.R. 4257, the “Federal Information Security Amendments Act of 2012”; H.R. 4363, providing the authority to offer phased retirement to federal employees; H.R. 4365, clarifying that Federal tax levies may be enforced against TSP accounts; and H.R. 4364, reforming the law governing the pay of recess appointees. The following measure was withdrawn: H.R. 4364, reforming the law governing the pay of recess appointees. The following measures were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 538, the “Federal Customer Service Enhancement Act”; H.R. 4257, the “Federal Information Security Amendments Act of 2012”; H.R. 4363, providing the authority to offer phased retirement to federal employees; and H.R. 4365, clarifying that Federal tax levies may be enforced against TSP accounts.

NSF MAJOR MULTI-USER RESEARCH FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing entitled “NSF Major Multi-User Research

Facilities Management: Ensuring Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GROWING THE WIRELESS ECONOMY THROUGH INNOVATION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Avoiding the Spectrum Crunch: Growing the Wireless Economy through Innovation”. Testimony was heard from James Olthoff, Deputy Director, Physical Measurement Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Rangam Subramanian, Chief Wireless and Technology Strategist, Idaho National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

TAX OUTLOOK FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Tax Outlook for Small Businesses: What’s on the Horizon?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RELIABILITY OF THE INLAND WATERWAY SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “How Reliability of the Inland Waterway System Impacts Economic Competitiveness”. Testimony was heard from Major General John Peabody, Mississippi River Valley Division, Army Corps of Engineers; and public witnesses.

A LOOK AT CLAIMS REPRESENTATIVES’ ROLE IN THE DISABILITY CLAIMS PROCESS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “From the Inside Out: A Look at Claims Representatives’ Role in the Disability Claims Process”. Testimony was heard from Tom Murphy, Director of Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a markup of the following measures: H.R. 4114, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2012”; H.R. 2377, the “RAPID Claims Act”; and H.R. 4142, the “American Heroes COLA Act”. The following measure was forwarded, without amendment, H.R. 4114, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2012”. The following measures were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 2377, the “RAPID Claims Act”; and H.R. 4142, the “American Heroes COLA Act”.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee continue markup of legislative proposals to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 201 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to consider adoption of the fiscal year 2013 302(b) allocations and to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Commerce, Justice, Science and related agencies, and Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development and related agencies, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Food and Drug Administration, 2 p.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SR–232A.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the impacts of sea level rise on domestic energy and water infrastructure, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Syria, focusing on United States policy options, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine delays in OSHA’s standard-setting process and the impact on worker safety, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 1684, to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, 2:15 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of William J. Kayatta, Jr., of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, John Thomas Fowlkes, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, Kevin McNulty, and Michael A. Shipp, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Stephanie Marie Rose, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, Michael P. Shea, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Gonzalo P. Curiel, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Robert J. Shelby, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, 10 a.m., SD–226.