

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2155–56, H2156, H2179, H2180, H2180–81, H2181, H2182, H2182–83, H2183, H2185, H2186. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **FORMULATION OF THE 2012 FARM BILL: CONSERVATION PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry held a hearing entitled “Formulation of the 2012 Farm Bill: Conservation Programs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **FORMULATION OF THE 2012 FARM BILL: DAIRY PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing entitled “Formulation of the 2012 Farm Bill: Dairy Programs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held a markup of Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill FY 2013. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a markup of H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a markup of H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes. The bill was forwarded, as amended.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a markup of H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and

for other purposes. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a markup of H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes. The bill was forwarded without amendment.

### **PRESIDENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Reviewing the President’s Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Proposal for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services”. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

### **THE NORTH-SOUTH SUDAN CONFLICT 2012**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled “The North-South Sudan Conflict 2012”. Testimony was heard from Princeton Lyman, Special Envoy for Sudan, Department of State; Anne C. Richard, Assistant Secretary of State, Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; and Nancy Lindborg, USAID Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia held a markup of H. Res. 526, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect toward the establishment of a democratic and prosperous Republic of Georgia and the establishment of a peaceful and just resolution to the conflict with Georgia’s internationally recognized borders. H. Res. 526 was forwarded without amendment.

### **NATO: THE CHICAGO SUMMIT AND U.S. POLICY**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia held a hearing entitled “NATO: The Chicago Summit and U.S. Policy”. Testimony was heard from Tina S. Kaidanow, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; James Townsend, Deputy Assistant Secretary, European and NATO Policy, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

## IRANIAN CYBER THREAT TO THE U.S. HOMELAND

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence; and Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure, Protection, and Security Technologies held a joint hearing entitled “Iranian Cyber Threat to the U.S. Homeland”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## ENSURING THE EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS, AND TRANSPARENCY OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled “Ensuring the Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Transparency of Homeland Security Grants (Part II): Stakeholder Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from Jim Davis, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Public Safety; Bryan Koon, Director, Florida Division of Emergency Management; Hui-Shan L. Walker, Emergency Management Coordinator, City of Hampton, Virginia; Judson Freed, Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Ramsey County, Minnesota; Richard Daddario, Deputy Commissioner, Counterterrorism Bureau, New York City Police Department; Robert M. Maloney, Director, Office of Emergency Management, Baltimore, Maryland; Hank C. Clemmensen, Palatine Rural Fire Protection District; and public witnesses.

## INTERNATIONAL PATENT ISSUES: PROMOTING A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR AMERICAN INDUSTRY ABROAD

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing entitled “International Patent Issues: Promoting a Level Playing Field for American Industry Abroad”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## VICTIMS’ RIGHTS AMENDMENT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing entitled “Victims’ Rights Amendment”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## INCREASED ELECTRICITY COSTS FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES AND SMALL BUSINESSES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Increased Electricity Costs for American Families and Small Businesses: The Potential Impacts of the Chu Memorandum”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 4381, the “Planning for American Energy Act”; H.R. 4382, the “Providing Leasing Certainty for American Energy Act”; H.R. 4383, the “Streamlining Permitting of American Energy Act”; H.R. 4402, the “National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2012”; H.R. 1192, the “Soda Ash Royalty Extension, Job Creation, and Export Enhancement Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2176, the “Clean Energy Promotion Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Amodei and Lummis; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a markup to amend title 5, United States Code, to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 201 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013; H.R. 2008, the “Keeping Politics Out of Federal Contracting Act of 2011”; H.R. 3609, the “Taxpayers Right to Know Act”; H.R. 4078, the “Regulatory Freeze for Jobs Act”; and H.R. 4607, to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on midnight rules during a President’s final days in office, and for other purposes. The following measures were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 2008; H.R. 4607; and S. 1302. The following measures were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4078; H.R. 3609; and recommendations to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 201 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013.

## NASA AERONAUTICS RESEARCH MISSION DIRECTORATE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled “An Overview of the NASA Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate Budget for Fiscal Year 2013”. Testimony was heard from Jalwon Shin, Associate Administrator, Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Marion Blakey, Chair, Aeronautics Committee, NASA Advisory Council; and public witnesses.

## SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATORS: ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF ENERGY SOLUTIONS

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Small Business Innovators: On the Cutting Edge of

Energy Solutions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**REGULATION OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY: ENSURING U.S. JOB GROWTH WHILE IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL AND WORKER SAFETY**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Regulation of the Maritime Industry: Ensuring U.S. Job Growth While Improving Environmental and Worker Safety”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Brian Salerno, Deputy Commandant for Operations, United States Coast Guard; James Hanlon, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

**EXPIRING TAX PROVISIONS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing entitled “Expiring Tax Provisions”. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Brady (TX); Jenkins, Davis (KY); Herger; Schock; Welch; Bilbray; Black (TN); Pierluisi; Bass (NH); Campbell; Braley (IA); McGovern; Grimm; King (IA); Costa; McDermott; Latham; Christensen; Herrera Beutler; Deutch; Reed; Blumenauer; Pompeo; Boren; and Riechert.

***Joint Meetings***

**GAS PRICES IN THE NORTHEAST**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine gas prices in the Northeast, focusing on the potential impact on the American consumer due to loss of refining capacity, after receiving testimony from Diana L. Moss, American Antitrust Institute, Bob Greco, American Petroleum Institute (API), and Michael Greenstone, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, all of Washington, D.C.; and Thomas D. O’Malley, PBF Energy, Parsippany, New Jersey.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2012**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, markup of H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, markup of H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes, 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 4094, the “Preserving Access to Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area Act”; and a hearing entitled “Access Denied: Turning Away Visitors to National Parks”, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs,* Full Committee, markup of the following measures: H.R. 4072, the “Consolidating Veteran Employment Services for Improved Performance Act of 2012”; H.R. 4114, the “Veterans” Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2012”; H.R. 4482, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent home loan guaranty programs for veterans regarding adjustable rate mortgages and hybrid adjustable rate mortgages; H.R. 4201, the “Servicemember Family Protection Act”; and H.R. 3670, to require the Transportation Security Administration to comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, 9:45 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Medicare Premium Support Proposals”, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.