

H3516–17, H3517–18, H3518, H3518–19, H3519–20, H3520–21, H3521, H3521–22, H3522–23, H3523, H3523–24, H3525–26, H3526, H3526–27, H3527–28, H3566, H3566–67, H3567–68, H3568–69, H3569, H3569–70, H3570–71, H3571, H3571–72, H3572–73, H3573, H3573–74, and H3574–75. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS BILL FY 2013

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture held a markup of Agriculture Appropriations Bill FY 2013. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

FINANCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS BILL FY 2013

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services held a markup of Financial Services Appropriations Bill FY 2013. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE'S LONG-TERM BUDGET OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Congressional Budget Office’s Long-Term Budget Outlook”. Testimony was heard from Douglas Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

EPA ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES AND PRACTICES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “EPA Enforcement Priorities and Practices”. Testimony was heard from Bryan W. Shaw, Chairman, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; Barry T. Smitherman, Chairman, Texas Railroad Commission; Stephen B. Etsitty, Executive Director, Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF AUDIO

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communication and Technology held a hearing entitled “The Future of Audio”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade began markup of H.R. 5865, the “American Manufacturing Com-

petitiveness Act of 2012”; and H.R. 5859, to repeal an obsolete provision in title 49, United States Code, requiring motor vehicle insurance cost reporting.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4624, the “Investment Adviser Oversight Act of 2012”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINATION OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE'S FINAL RULE ON THE CARD ACT'S "ABILITY TO REPAY" REQUIREMENT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “An Examination of the Federal Reserve’s Final Rule on the CARD Act’s ‘Ability to Repay’ Requirement”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE CASE OF AMERICAN JACOB OSTREICHER

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled “The U.S. State Department’s Inadequate Response to Human Rights Concerns in Bolivia: The Case of American Jacob Ostreicher”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S.-KOREA ALLIANCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “What’s Next for the U.S.-Korea Alliance?” Testimony was heard from Jim Zumwalt, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Mark Peters, Deputy Laboratory Director for Programs, Argonne National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

INVESTIGATING WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Investigating Waste, Fraud and Abuse in Afghanistan”. Testimony was heard from John Hutton, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Charles Johnson, Jr., Director International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and Larry Sampler, Jr., Senior Deputy Assistant to the Administrator, Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE AND COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 4251, the “SMART Port Security

Act”; and Committee Activity Report. The bill was ordered reported, as amended, and the Committee Activity Report was adopted, without amendment.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS REPORT: ASSESSING THE STATE OF PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing “The National Preparedness Report: Assessing the State of Preparedness”. Testimony was heard from Tim Manning, Deputy Administrator, Protection and National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Stanley J. Czerwinski, Director, Intergovernmental Relations, Government Accountability Office.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup of the following measures: H.R. 4377, the “Responsibly And Professionally Invigorating Development (RAPID) Act of 2012”; H.R. 4018, the “Public Safety Officers’ Benefits Improvements Act of 2012”; H.R. 3668, the “Counterfeit Drug Penalty Enhancement Act of 2011”; H.R. 4223, the “Safe Doses Act”; H.R. 4369, the “Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act of 2012”; and H.R. 5889 the “Nuclear Terrorism Conventions Implementation and Safety of Maritime Navigation Act of 2012”. The following measures were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4377; H.R. 4018; H.R. 3668; and H.R. 4223. The following measure was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 5889. The Committee did not complete action on H.R. 4369.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the “Accelerated Revenue and Repayment Act”; and S. 997, the “East Bench Irrigation District Water Contract Extension Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ADDRESSING CONCERNS ABOUT THE INTEGRITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR’S JOBS REPORTING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Addressing Concerns About the Integrity of the U.S. Department of Labor’s Jobs Reporting”. Testimony was heard from Carl Fillichio, Senior Advisor for Communications and Public Affairs, Department of Labor; John Galvin, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

PROTECT MEDICAL INNOVATION ACT OF 2011; AND THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 436, the “Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2011”; and H.R. 5882, the “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2013”. The Committee granted a closed rule for H.R. 436. The rule provides 90 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–23 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Boustany, Levin, Jenkins, and Paulsen.

The resolution further provides a structured rule for H.R. 5882. The rule provides one hour of general debate on the bill equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the chair and ranking minority member or their designees may offer pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate at any time. The rule makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 5882 printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points or order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Crenshaw, Honda, Flake, Scalise and Gosar.

EXAMINATION OF FAA’S LAUNCH INDEMNIFICATION PROGRAM

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled “An Examination of FAA’s Launch Indemnification Program”. Testimony was heard from George Nield, Associate Administrator, Office of

Commercial Space Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration; Alicia Cackley, Director of Financial Markets and Community Investment Team, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

UNDERSTANDING THE REAL COSTS AND BENEFITS OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled “EPA’s Impact on Jobs and Energy Affordability: Understanding the Real Costs and Benefits of Environmental Regulations”. Testimony was heard from Cass Sunstein, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Michael Honeycutt, Chief Toxicologist, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; and public witnesses.

SBA’S MANAGEMENT OF ITS CAPITAL ACCESS PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “SBA’s Management of its Capital Access Programs”. Testimony was heard from Karen Mills, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS: RETURN TO PPV

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Through the Looking Glass: Return to PPV”. Testimony was heard from W. Scott Gould, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs; Linda A. Halliday, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Maureen Regan, Counselor to the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 2355, the “Hallowed Grounds Act”; H.R. 2996, the “Gulf War Syndrome ‘Presumptive Illness’ Extension Act of 2011”; H.R. 4299, the “Quality Housing for Veterans Act”; H.R. 5735, to provide for the establishment of a Tomb of Remembrance at Arlington National Cemetery for interment of cremated fragments of the remains of members of the Armed Forces killed in Afghanistan, Iraq, or a subsequent conflict when the fragments are unidentifiable by use of DNA testing or other means because of the condition of the fragments, are unclaimed, or are identified and authorized by the person designated to direct disposition of the remains for internment in such memorial; H.R. 5880, the “Veterans Disability

Examination Access Improvement Act”; H.R. 5881, the “Access to Veterans Benefits Improvement Act”; and H.R. 2720, to clarify the role of the Department of Veterans Affairs in providing a benefit or service related to the interment or funeral of a veteran, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Stivers; Hartzler; Kissell; and Culberson; Kathryn Condon, Executive Director of Army National Cemeteries Program, Department of Defense; Thomas Murphy, Director of Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future for a consent-based approach to siting nuclear waste storage and management facilities, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine countering repression and strengthening civil society in Cuba, 10:45 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Universal Service Fund Reform, focusing on ensuring a sustainable and connected future for native communities, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 250, to protect crime victims’ rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, S. 285, for the relief of Sopuruchi Chukwueke, and the nominations of Robert E. Bacharach, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Paul William Grimm, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, John E. Dowdell, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, Mark E. Walker, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District