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#### PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the United States Patent and Trademark Office, focusing on implementation of the Leahy-Smith “America Invents Act” and international harmonizing efforts, after receiving testimony from David J. Kappos, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, and Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

#### HOLOCAUST-ERA CLAIMS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Holocaust-era claims in the 21st

century, including S. 634, to ensure that the courts of the United States may provide an impartial forum for claims brought by United States citizens and others against any railroad organized as a separate legal entity, arising from the deportation of United States citizens and others to Nazi concentration camps on trains owned or operated by such railroad, and by the heirs and survivors of such persons, and S. 466, to provide for the restoration of legal rights for claimants under holocaust-era insurance policies, after receiving testimony from Maryland Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg, and Leo Bretholz, Coalition for Holocaust Rail Justice, both of Baltimore, Maryland; Edward T. Swaine, George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.; J.D. Bindenagel, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois; and Renee Firestone, Los Angeles, California.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 12 public bills, H.R. 5974–5985; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 694–696 were introduced. **Page H3914**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3915–16**

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

H.R. 5972, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–541);

H.R. 5973, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–542);

Activities and Summary Report of the Committee on the Budget Third Quarter 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–543); and

H.R. 4264, to help ensure the fiscal solvency of the FHA mortgage insurance programs of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–544). **Page H3914**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative McClintock to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3809**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:12 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3810**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Richard Haynes, Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Lilburn, Georgia. **Page H3810**

**Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House agreed to the Walz (MN) motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4348 by a yea-and-nay vote of 386 yeas to 34 nays with 1 answering “present,” Roll No. 391. The motion was debated yesterday, June 19th. **Page H3824**

**Notice of Intent to Offer Motion:** Representative Hoyer announced his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4348. **Page H3824**

**Notice of Intent to Offer Motion:** Representative Black announced her intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4348. **Page H3824**

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

**Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act:** S. 3187, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and medical devices and to establish user-fee programs for generic drugs and biosimilars.

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**Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House debated the McKinley motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4348. Further proceedings were postponed.

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**Strategic Energy Production Act of 2012:** The House began consideration of H.R. 4480, to provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas exploration, development, and production under oil and gas leases of Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense in response to a drawdown of petroleum reserves from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Further proceedings were postponed.

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Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–24 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 Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

McKinley amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that requires the consultation and input of the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) under the Transportation Fuels Regulatory Committee within Title II of the legislation. NETL will work with the Committee to analyze and report on the impacts of the rules and actions of the EPA on our nation's gasoline, diesel fuel, and natural gas prices;

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McKinley amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that requires under section 203 of the bill to conduct an analysis relating to any other matters that affect the growth, stability, and sustainability of the nation's oil and gas industries, particularly relating to that of other nations. Requires the Committee to look at the actions, or inactions, of other nations' regulations, enforcements, and matters relating to the oil and gas industry, and how they have either helped positively or negatively towards the oil and gas industries in those other nations; and

**Pages H3898–99**

Terry amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that gives the EPA the ability to waive certain fuel requirements in a geographic area, when there is a problem with distribution or delivery of fuel or fuel additives, for a period of 20 days, which could also be extended for another 20 days if the conditions exist. Directs the EPA and Department of Energy to conduct the Fuel Harmonization Study required by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 by June 2014.

**Pages H3902–04**

Rejected:

Polis amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that sought to exclude hydraulic fracturing activities within 1,000 feet of a primary or secondary school and

**Pages H3896–97**

Quigley amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that sought to ensure that protection of the marine and coastal environment is of primary importance in making areas of the outer Continental Shelf available for leasing, exploration, and development rather than expeditious development of oil and gas resources, to prohibit oil and gas leasing, exploration, and development in important ecological areas of the outer Continental Shelf, and for other purposes.

**Pages H3897–98**

Proceedings Postponed:

Hastings (WA) Manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that seeks to make technical corrections, eliminate the designation of the Colville River as an Aquatic Resource of National Importance, and require additional right of ways planned into and out of the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska;

**Pages H3895–96**

Waxman amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that seeks to provide that the rules described in section 205(a) shall not be delayed if the pollution that would be controlled by the rules contributes to asthma attacks, acute and chronic bronchitis, heart attacks, cancer, birth defects, neurological damage, premature death, or other serious harms to human health;

**Pages H3899–H3900**

Connolly amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that seeks to define the term "public health" in the Clean Air Act;

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Gene Green (TX) amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that seeks to strike section 206 of the bill, which would require the consideration of feasibility and costs in revising or supplementing national ambient air quality standards for ozone;

**Pages H3901–02**

Rush amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that seeks to provide that Sections 205 and 206 shall cease to be effective if the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration determines that implementation of this title is not projected to lower gasoline prices and create jobs in the United States within 10 years;

**Pages H3904–05**

Holt amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that seeks to reduce the number of on-shore leases on which oil and gas production is not occurring as an incentive for oil and gas companies to begin producing on the leases that they already hold;

**Pages H3905–06**

Connolly amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that seeks to clarify that the section requiring a \$5,000 protest fee shall not infringe upon

the protections afforded by the First Amendment to the Constitution to petition for the redress of grievances;

**Pages H3906–07**

Amodei amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that seeks to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from moving any aspect of the Solid Minerals program administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM);

**Pages H3907–09**

Markey amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that seeks to prohibit oil and gas produced under new leases authorized by this legislation from being exported to foreign countries;

**Pages H3909–10**

Landry amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that seeks to raise the cap of revenue shared among the Gulf States who produce energy on the Outer Continental Shelf starting in FY2023 from \$500 million to \$750 million; and

**Pages H3910–11**

Rigell amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 112–540) that seeks to require the Secretary of the Interior to include Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lease Sale 220 off the coast of Virginia in the 5 Year Plan for OCS oil and gas drilling and to conduct Lease Sale 220 within one year of enactment. In addition, the amendment would also ensure that no oil and gas drilling may be conducted off the coast of Virginia which would conflict with military operations.

**Pages H3911–12**

H. Res. 691, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 390, after the previous question was ordered by a recorded vote of 242 yeas to 183 noes, Roll No. 389.

**Pages H3814–24**

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

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3810.

**Senate Referral:** S. 3314 is held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3822–23, H3823–24, H3824. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held a markup of Financial Services Appropriations Bill, FY 2013. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, markup of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2013. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

### ADDRESSING THE IRANIAN NUCLEAR CHALLENGE: UNDERSTANDING THE MILITARY OPTIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing on Addressing the Iranian Nuclear Challenge: Understanding the Military Options. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### AFGHAN NATIONAL SECURITY FORCES: RESOURCES, STRATEGY, AND TIMETABLE FOR SECURITY LEAD TRANSITIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Afghan National Security Forces: Resources, Strategy, and Timetable for Security Lead Transitions. Testimony was heard from David S. Sedney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia; and Major General Stephen Townsend, USA, Director, Pakistan/Afghanistan Coordination Cell, The Joint Staff.

### ASSESSING THE CHALLENGES FACING MULTIEMPLOYER PENSION PLANS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Assessing the Challenges Facing Multiemployer Pension Plans”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee completed markup of H.R. 5859, to repeal an obsolete provision in title 49, United States Code, requiring motor vehicle insurance cost reporting; H.R. 5865, the “American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2012”; H.R. 4273, the “Resolving Environmental and Grid Reliability Conflicts Act of 2012”; H.R. 5892, the “Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2012”; H. Con. Res. 127, providing for the acceptance of a statue of Gerald R. Ford from the people of Michigan for placement in the United States Capitol; and Semi-Annual Committee Activity Report. The following measures and report were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 5865;