

laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 2320, to direct the American Battle Monuments Commission to provide for the ongoing maintenance of Clark Veterans Cemetery in the Republic of the Philippines, S. 2259, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2012, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, S. 2244, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to assist in the identification of unclaimed and abandoned human remains to determine if any such remains are eligible for burial in a national cemetery, S. 2045, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims to reside within fifty miles of the District of Columbia, S. 1849, to require a five-year strategic plan for the Office of Rural Health of the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs for improving access to, and the quality of, health care services for veterans in rural areas, S. 1838, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on service dog training therapy, S. 1806, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions to the homeless veterans assistance fund, S. 1799, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements relating to the immunization of veterans, S. 1755, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation, S.

1707, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes, S. 1705, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Spokane, Washington, as the “Mann-Grandstaff Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”, S. 1631, to authorize the establishment in the Department of Veterans Affairs of a center for technical assistance for non-Department health care providers who furnish care to veterans in rural areas, S. 1391, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and S. 1264, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated as voter registration agencies, after receiving testimony from Senators Boxer, Portman, Ayotte, Wyden, Franken, and Heller; Madhulika Agarwal, Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Policy and Services, Veterans Health Administration, and Thomas Murphy, Director, Compensation Service, William Schoenhard, Deputy Under Secretary for Health Operations and Management, and Richard Hipolit, Assistant General Counsel, all of the Veterans Benefits Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Joy J. Ilem, Disabled American Veterans, and Heather L. Ansley, VetsFirst, both of Washington, DC.; Mark T. Edney, American Urological Association Legislative Affairs Committee, Salisbury, Maryland; and Tracy Keil, Parker, Colorado.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 6029–6046; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 709–710 were introduced. **Pages H4155–56**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4157–58**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Legislative Review and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs During the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–552) and

H. Res. 708, relating to the consideration of House Report 112–546 and an accompanying resolution, and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 706) authorizing the Committee on

Oversight and Government Reform to initiate or intervene in judicial proceedings to enforce certain subpoenas. **Page H4155**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Nugent to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4067**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:21 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4075**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, June 26th:

Public Safety Officers' Benefits Improvements Act of 2012: H.R. 4018, amended, to improve the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program. **Page H4079**

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 5972, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013. Further proceedings were postponed.

Pages H4079–H4135, H4135–51

Agreed to:

Clarke (MI) amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Homeless Assistance Grants by \$5,000,000;

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Cravaack amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Secretary of Transportation to research or implement a distance-based fee system, commonly referred to as Vehicle Miles Traveled, that would levy a fee on a vehicle user based on the distance traveled;

Pages H4137–39

Cravaack amendment that prohibits funds from being used in furtherance of the implementation of the European Union greenhouse gas emissions trading scheme for aviation activities established by European Union Directive 2008/101/EC;

Pages H4139–40

Posey amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2012) that prohibits funds from being used for the International Highway Technology Scanning Program;

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Griffith (VA) amendment that prohibits funds from being used for any new grant under the livable communities program of the Department of Transportation or the sustainable communities program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development or to implement any transfer of funds for any such new grant;

Pages H4141–42

Flores amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enforce section 526 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007;

Pages H4142–43

Turner (OH) amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2012) that prohibits funds from being used to establish, issue, implement, administer, or enforce any prohibition or restriction on the establishment or effectiveness of any occupancy preference for veterans in supportive housing for the elderly that (1) is provided assistance by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and (2)(A) is or would be located on property of the Department of Veterans Affairs, or (B) is subject to an enhanced use lease with the Department of Veterans Affairs;

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Garrett amendment that prohibits funds from being used to promulgate, issue, establish, implement, administer, finalize, or enforce the proposed rule issued by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and published in the Federal Register on September 16, 2011 (relating to Implementation

of the Fair Housing Act's Discriminatory Effects Standard);

Pages H4144–46

Cassidy amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Secretary of Transportation to make any transfer under the last proviso under the heading "Department of Transportation—Office of the Secretary—Payments to Air Carriers";

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Chabot amendment that prohibits funds from being used to design, construct, or operate a fixed guideway project located in Cincinnati, Ohio; and

Pages H4146–47

Scalise amendment that prohibits funds from being used to implement any rule or regulation that expressly prohibits an owner or landlord of housing from using a criminal conviction to deny housing to an applicant for such housing.

Pages H4150–51

Rejected:

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Office of Public and Indian Housing salaries and expenses by \$6,500,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 424);

Pages H4096, H4126–27

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Office of Community Planning and Development salaries and expenses by \$3,500,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 425);

Pages H4096–97, H4127

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Office of Housing salaries and expenses by \$5,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 426);

Pages H4097, H4128

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Office of Policy Development and Research salaries and expenses by \$115,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 427);

Pages H4097–99, H4128–29

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity salaries and expenses by \$304,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 428);

Pages H4099, H4129

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Public Housing Capital Fund by \$110,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 429);

Pages H4101–02, H4129–30

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Public Housing Operating Fund by \$562,150,000 and apply the savings to the spending

reduction account (by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 264 noes, Roll No. 430); **Pages H4102–03, H4130–31**

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Federal Maritime Commission salaries and expenses by \$900,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 431); **Pages H4121, H4131**

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation by \$12,300,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 432); **Pages H4122–23, H4131–32**

Chaffetz amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Community Development Fund by \$396,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 157 ayes to 267 noes, Roll No. 433); **Pages H4104–05, H4132–33**

McClintock amendment that sought to eliminate funding for the Community Development Fund and apply the savings, \$3,404,000,000, to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 80 ayes to 342 noes, Roll No. 434); **Pages H4105–06, H4133**

McClintock amendment (No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2012) that sought to eliminate funding for the Community Development Loan Guarantees Program and apply the savings, \$6,000,000, to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 123 ayes to 300 noes, Roll No. 435); and **Pages H4108–09, H4133–34**

Flake amendment that sought to reduce funding for the HOME investment partnerships program by \$200,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 436). **Pages H4109–10, H4134–35**

Withdrawn:

Diaz-Balart amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2012) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have provided that unless explicitly provided, not to exceed 25 percent of any grant made with funds appropriated for the Community Development Fund may be expended for public services as defined by law; **Pages H4106–07**

Price (GA) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration from requiring the placement of line markers under section 195.410(a)(1) of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, other than at public road crossings and railroad crossings; and **Pages H4140–41**

Herrera Beutler amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used to build flood protection

walls for Interstate 5 between mile posts 72–82 in Lewis County, Washington. **Page H4151**

Point of Order sustained against:

Nadler amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2012) that would have increased funding for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance by \$460,000,000; **Pages H4100–01**

Hanabusa amendment that would have provided funding, by offset, for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant in the amount of \$13,000,000; **Pages H4103–04**

Bachus amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2012) that would have provided that with respect to the HOME Investment Partnership programs, up to \$200,000,000 shall be for disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of housing and infrastructure, and economic revitalization in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from a major disaster; **Pages H4110–11**

LaTourette amendment that would have expanded the percentage of Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 and Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 funds that can be used for demolition projects to 75%; **Pages H4117–18**

Price (NC) amendment that would have allowed public housing agencies to merge operating and capital funds; **Pages H4118–19**

Garamendi amendment that would have changed section 412 of the bill regarding the Buy American Act to ensure that domestic content makes up 85% of all steel, iron, and manufactured goods, including rolling stock; and **Pages H4124–25**

Burgess amendment that would have prohibited funds from being used by the Secretary of Transportation to authorize a person (1) to operate an unmanned aircraft system in the national airspace for the purpose, in whole or in part, of using the unmanned aircraft system as a weapon or to deliver a weapon against a person or property or (2) to manufacture, sell, or distribute an unmanned aircraft system, or a component thereof, for use in the national airspace system as a weapon or to deliver a weapon against a person or property. **Pages H4143–44**

Proceedings Postponed:

Blackburn amendment that seeks to reduce each amount made available by this Act by 1%; **Pages H4135–36**

McClintock amendment (No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2012) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used for the Third Street Light Rail Phase 2 Central Subway project in San Francisco, California; **Pages H4136–37**

Lankford amendment that prohibits funds from being used to pay the salary of any officer or employee of the Federal Highway Administration to implement, administer, or enforce the Migratory

Bird Treaty Act with respect to the cliff swallow or barn swallow; **Pages H4147–48**

Denham amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, 2012) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used for high-speed rail in the State of California or for the California High-Speed Rail Authority; and **Pages H4148–49**

Landry amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to promulgate or implement any regulations that would mandate global positioning system tracking, electronic on-board recording devices, or event data recorders in passenger or commercial motor vehicles. **Pages H4149–50**

H. Res. 697, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, June 26th.

Recess: The House recessed at 5:24 p.m. and reconvened at 8:15 p.m. **Page H4135**

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

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Thirteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4126–27, H4127, H4128, H4128–29, H4129, H4130, H4130–31, H4131, H4131–32, H4132–33, H4133, H4133–34, H4134–35. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a markup of Activity Report of the Committee on Agriculture for the 3rd Quarter of the 112th Congress. The Activity Report of the Committee on Agriculture was adopted without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup of the adoption of the Semiannual Activities Report of the Committee on Appropriations. The Semiannual Activities Report was adopted without amendment; and began markup of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2013.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a markup of the Third Semiannual Report on the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services for the 112th Congress. The Semiannual Report on the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services was passed, without amendment.

CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “The Creation and Implementation of the National Nuclear Security Administration”. Testimony was heard from Eugene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 5872, the “Sequestration Transparency Act of 2012”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup of Report on the Activities of the Committee on Education and the Workforce for the third quarter of the 112th Congress. The Report on the Activities of the Committee on Education and the Workforce was ordered reported, without amendment.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing on discussion draft of the “Increasing Manufacturing Competitiveness Through Improved Recycling Act of 2012”; and H.R. 2997, the “Superfund Common Sense Act”. Testimony was heard from Representative Long; Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

FUTURE OF VIDEO

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

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup of Semiannual Report on Activities of the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives During the 112th Congress; and H.R. 4367, to amend the Electronic Fund Transfer Act to limit the fee disclosure requirement for an automatic teller machine to the screen of that machine. The Semiannual Report on Activities of the Committee on Financial Services was passed without amendment. H.R. 4367 was ordered reported, without amendment.