

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.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup of the report of the Legislative Review and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs for the 112th Congress, 3rd Quarter; and H.R. 6018, the “Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2013”. The report of the Legislative Review and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs was passed without amendment and H.R. 6018 was ordered reported, without amendment.

**INTERNATIONAL IP ENFORCEMENT: PROTECTING PATENTS, TRADE SECRETS AND MARKET ACCESS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing entitled “International IP Enforcement: Protecting Patents, Trade Secrets and Market Access”. Testimony was heard from Teresa Stanek Rea, Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 3356, the “ACCESS (ADA Compliance for Customer Entry to Stores and Services) Act”. Testimony was heard from Representative Daniel E. Lungren and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing to approve the 3d quarter semi-annual 112th Congress, Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities; and Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing entitled “Mandatory Conditioning Requirements on Hydropower: How Federal Resource Agencies are Driving Up Electricity Costs and Decreasing the Original Green Energy”. Testimony was heard from Senator Carper, Representatives Carney, Chaffetz, Denham, Hastings (WA), Pearce, Tsongas, and Turner; Carl Rountree, Director, National Landscape Conservation System, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Jim Pena, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; John Curtis, Mayor, City of Provo; Victor Knox, Associate Director for Park Planning, Facilities and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Ingrid Kolb, Director, Office of Management, Department of Energy; Kevin Cann, Supervisor, Mariposa County; and public witnesses. The 3d quarter semi-annual 112th Congress, Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities was approved, without amendment.

**AUTHORIZATION, STANDARDS, AND PROCEDURES FOR WHETHER, HOW, AND WHEN INDIAN TRIBES SHOULD BE NEWLY RECOGNIZED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing entitled “Authorization, standards, and procedures for whether, how, and when Indian tribes should be newly recognized by the federal government”. Testimony was heard from Ken Salazar, Secretary, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 459, the “Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2011”; H.R. 4155, the “Veteran Skills to Jobs Act”; H.R. 4631, the “Government Spending Accountability Act of 2012”; H.R. 6016, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for administrative leave requirements with respect to Senior Executive Service employees, and for other purposes; H.R. 3912, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Mastic Road in Mastic Beach, New York, as the “Brigadier General Nathaniel Woodhull Post Office Building”; H.R. 4389, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19 East Merced Street in Fowler, California, as the “Cecil E. Bolt Post Office”; H.R. 5788, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Center Street West in Eatonville, Washington, as the “National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson Post Office”; H.R. 5867, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4605 Tutu Park Mall in St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, as the “Kenneth Leslie Hermon Post Office”; H.R. 2896, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the “Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building”; H.R. 2338, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Florida Avenue in Cocoa, Florida, as the “Harry T. and Harriette Moore Post Office”; H.R. 1369, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1021 Pennsylvania Avenue in Hartshorne, Oklahoma, as the “Warren Lindley Post Office”; and Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Third Semiannual Activities Report, June 2012. The following measures were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 459; H.R. 4155; H.R. 4631; H.R. 6061; and the Semiannual Activities Report; the following measures were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 3912; H.R. 4389; H.R. 5788; H.R. 5867; H.R. 2896; H.R. 2338; and H.R. 1369.

**RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION OF H. REPT. 112-546 AND AN ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION; AND H. RES. 706, AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM TO INITIATE OR INTERVENE IN JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS TO ENFORCE CERTAIN SUBPOENAS**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee granted, by a record vote, a rule providing that if H. Rept. 112-546 is called up by direction of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, all points of order against the report shall be waived and it shall be considered as read. The resolution provides a closed rule for the resolution accompanying H. Rept. 112-546. The rule provides 50 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution accompanying the report. The rule provides that the resolution accompanying the report shall be considered as read. The rule further provides one motion to refer at the conclusion of debate if offered by Rep. Dingell of Michigan, which shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule provides one motion to recommit the resolution accompanying the report with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may reduce the minimum time for electronic voting on the motion to recommit the resolution accompanying the report as though pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX.

The resolution further provides a closed rule for H. Res. 706. The rule provides 20 minutes of debate on H. Res. 706 equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit H. Res. 706. Testimony was heard from Chairman Issa, Representative Cummings and Dingell.

**THE ROLE OF RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES IN SECURING AMERICA'S FUTURE PROSPERITY: CHALLENGES AND EXPECTATIONS**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing entitled "The Role of Research Universities in Securing America's Future Prosperity: Challenges and Expectations". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**CONTINUING OVERSIGHT OF THE NATION'S WEATHER SATELLITE PROGRAMS: AN UPDATE ON JPSS AND GOES-R**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight and Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a joint hearing entitled "Continuing Oversight of the Nation's Weather Satellite Programs: An Update on JPSS and GOES-R". Testimony was heard from Kathryn Sullivan, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction and Deputy Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Marcus Watkins, Director, Joint Agency Satellite Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office.

**REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT COMPLIANCE: IS EPA FAILING SMALL BUSINESSES; AND MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a markup of Semiannual Report on the Activity of the Committee on Small Business; and Full Committee, hearing entitled "Regulatory Flexibility Act Compliance: Is EPA Failing Small Businesses?". The Report on the Activity of the Committee on Small Business was passed, without amendment. Testimony on Regulatory Flexibility Act Compliance was heard from public witnesses.

**REVIEW OF VESSELS USED TO CARRY STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE DRAWDOWNS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled "A Review of Vessels Used To Carry Strategic Petroleum Reserve Drawdowns". Testimony was heard from John D. Porcari, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation; and a public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a markup of H.R. 3730, the "Veterans Data Breach Timely Notification Act"; H.R. 4481, the "Veterans Affairs Employee Accountability Act"; and H.R. 5948, the "Veterans Fiduciary Reform Act of 2012". The following measures were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 3730; H.R. 4481 and H.R. 5948.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a markup of 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"; and H.R. 5881, the "Access to Veterans Benefits Improvement Act". The following measures were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 5735; and H.R. 5881. The following measure was forwarded, without amendment: H.R. 5880.

## HOW WELFARE AND TAX BENEFITS CAN DISCOURAGE WORK; AND MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a markup of approval of the Report on the Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Ways and Means during the 112th Congress; and Subcommittee on Human Resources and Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, joint hearing entitled "How Welfare and Tax Benefits Can Discourage Work". Testimony was heard from Representative Moore (WI) and public witnesses. The Report on the Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Ways and Means was approved without amendment.

## SECURING THE FUTURE OF THE DISABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled "Securing the Future of the Disability Insurance Program". Testimony was heard from Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner, Social Security Administration; and public witnesses.

## ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities. This was a closed hearing.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the need for privacy protections, focusing on industry self-regulation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine innovative non-federal programs for financing energy efficient building retrofits, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine The Law of the Sea Convention (Treaty Doc. 103-39), focusing on perspectives from business and industry, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine economic statecraft, focusing on embracing Africa's market potential, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* business meeting to consider H.R. 443, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska, H.R. 1560, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coshatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe, H.R. 1272, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al, by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Numbers 19 and 188, S. 134, to authorize the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease adjudicated water rights, S. 1065, to settle land claims within the Fort Hall Reservation, S. 2389, to deem the submission of certain claims to an Indian Health Service contracting officer as timely, and S. 3193, to make technical corrections to the legal description of certain land to be held in trust for the Barona Band of Mission Indians, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 285, for the relief of Sopuruchi Chukwueke, S. 1744, to provide funding for State courts to assess and improve the handling of proceedings relating to adult guardianship and conservatorship, to authorize the Attorney General to carry out a pilot program for the conduct of background checks on individuals to be appointed as guardians or conservators, and to promote the widespread adoption of information technology to better monitor, report, and audit conservatorships of protected persons, and the nominations of Terrence G. Berg, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Jesus G. Bernal, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Lorna G. Schofield, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Danny Chappelle Williams, Sr., of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.