

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NUCLEAR WEAPON DETERRENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine the proper size of the nuclear weapons stockpile to maintain a credible U.S. deterrent, after receiving testimony from General James E. Cartwright, USMC, (Ret.), former Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense, and Thomas R. Pickering, former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, both of Global Zero United States Nuclear Policy Commission, and Keith B. Payne, Missouri State University Graduate Department of Defense and Strategic Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

### IMPACT OF SEQUESTRATION ON EDUCATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the impact of sequestration on education, after receiving testimony from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education; June Atkinson, North Carolina State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Raleigh; Billy Walker, Randolph Field Independent School District, Universal City, Texas; Neal McCluskey, Cato Institute Center for Educational Freedom, Washington, D.C.; and Tammy L. Mann, The Campagna Center, Alexandria, Virginia.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Sean Sullivan, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and 878 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the International Space Station, focusing on research, collaboration, and discovery, after receiving testimony from William H. Gerstenmaier, Associate Administrator for Human Exploration and Operations, and Donald R. Pettit, Astronaut, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Thomas Reiter, European Space Agency, Paris, France; and James D. Royston, Center for the Advancement of Science and Space, Kennedy Space Center, Florida.

### SHORT-SUPPLY PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine short-

supply prescription drugs, after receiving testimony from Representative Cummings; Virginia Herold, California State Board of Pharmacy Executive Officer, Sacramento; David Mayhaus, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio; John M. Gray, Healthcare Distribution Management Association, Arlington, Virginia; John Coster, National Community Pharmacists Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Patricia Earl, National Coalition of Pharmaceutical Distributors, Bowling Green, Ohio.

### WATER USE EFFICIENCY

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded an oversight hearing to examine the role of water use efficiency and its impact on energy use, after receiving testimony from Henry L. Green, National Institute of Building Sciences, Washington, D.C.; Daniel W. Bena, PepsiCo, Inc., Purchase, New York; Russ Chaney, International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, Ontario, California; and Mary Ann Dickinson, Alliance for Water Efficiency, Chicago, Illinois.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 847, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 357, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to identify and declare wildlife disease emergencies and to coordinate rapid response to those emergencies, with an amendment;

S. 810, to prohibit the conducting of invasive research on great apes, with an amendment;

S. 1494, to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, with an amendment;

S. 2071, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps;

S. 2156, to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, to set prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users, with an amendment;

S. 2282, to extend the authorization of appropriations to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2017;

S. 3370, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation;

S. 2251, to designate the United States courthouse located at 709 West 9th Street, Juneau, Alaska, as the Robert Boochever United States Courthouse;

S. 2326, to designate the new United States courthouse in Buffalo, New York, as the “Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse”;

S. 1735, to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi;

Proposed resolutions relating to the General Services Administration;

Proposed resolutions relating to the Corps Study, City of Norfolk, Virginia and Port Fourchon, Louisiana; and

The nomination of Major General John Peabody, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission.

## EDUCATION TAX INCENTIVES AND TAX REFORM

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine education tax incentives and tax reform, focusing on how tax information could help families pay for college, after receiving testimony from James R. White, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Waded Cruzado, Montana State University, Bozeman; Lynne Munson, Common Core, and Scott A. Hodge, Tax Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Susan Dynarski, University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, Ann Arbor.

## IRAN'S SUPPORT FOR TERRORISM IN THE MIDDLE EAST

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a hearing to examine Iran's support for terrorism in the Middle East, after receiving testimony from James F. Jeffrey, former U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, Department of State, Alexandria, Virginia; and Daniel Byman, Georgetown University Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Danielle Pletka, American Enterprise Institute, and Matthew Levitt, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, all of Washington, D.C.

## ECONOMIC STATECRAFT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2215, to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, focusing on economic statecraft, and S. 3326, to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to extend the third-country fabric pro-

gram and to add South Sudan to the list of countries eligible for designation under that Act, to make technical corrections to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States relating to the textile and apparel rules of origin for the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, to approve the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, after receiving testimony from Francisco J. Sanchez, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; and Elizabeth L. Littlefield, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Fred Hochberg, Export-Import Bank, Stephen Hayes, Corporate Council on Africa, Mwangi S. Kimenyi, The Brookings Institution, and Scott Eisner, U.S. Chamber of Commerce African Affairs and International Operations, all of Washington, D.C.

## ASSESSING GRANTS MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine assessing grants management practices at Federal agencies, focusing on the amount of undisbursed funding remaining in expired grant accounts, and recent and historical funding levels for federal grants, after receiving testimony from Danny I. Werfel, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget; Elizabeth M. Harman, Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Nancy Gunderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Grants and Acquisition Policy and Accountability; and Stanley J. Czerwinski, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office.

## JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE THROUGH CIVICS EDUCATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ensuring judicial independence through civics education, after receiving testimony from former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Washington, D.C.

## ENHANCING WOMEN'S RETIREMENT SECURITY

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine enhancing women's retirement security, focusing on how women's access to and participation in employer-sponsored retirement plans and retirement incomes compare to men's, and how later-in-life events affect women's retirement income security, after receiving testimony from Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Managing Director, Education, Workforce,

and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; LaTina Burse Greene, Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Retirement and Disability Policy, Social Security Administration; Kelly O'Donnell, Fi-

nancial Engines, Boston, Massachusetts; and Sabrina L. Schaeffer, Independent Women's Forum, and Joan Entmacher, National Women's Law Center, both of Washington, D.C.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 6182–6204; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 116; and H. Res. 740 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 741, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4078) to provide that no agency may take any significant regulatory action until the unemployment rate is equal to or less than 6.0 percent (H. Rept. 112–623).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Suspension—Failed:** The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

*President Obama's Proposed 2012–2017 Offshore Drilling Lease Sale Plan Act:* H.R. 6168, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to implement the Proposed Final Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing Program (2012–2017) in accordance with the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act and other applicable law, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 164 yeas to 261 nays, Roll No. 512.

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**Congressional Replacement of President Obama's Energy-Restricting and Job-Limiting Offshore Drilling Plan:** The House passed H.R. 6082, to officially replace, within the 60-day Congressional review period under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, President Obama's Proposed Final Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing Program (2012–2017) with a congressional plan that will conduct additional oil and natural gas lease sales to promote offshore energy development, job creation, and increased domestic energy production to ensure a more secure energy future in the United States, by a recorded vote of 253 yeas to 170 noes, Roll No. 511. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, July 24th.

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Rejected the Slaughter motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 179 yeas to 240 nays, Roll No. 510.

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Rejected:

Holt amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 24th that sought to strike the provision that requires the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a single multi-sale environmental impact statement for all of the new areas opened for drilling by the underlying bill (by a recorded vote of 163 yeas to 253 noes, Roll No. 504);

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Markey amendment (No. 4 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 24th that sought to prohibit gas produced under new leases authorized by this legislation from being exported to foreign countries (by a recorded vote of 158 yeas to 262 noes, Roll No. 505);

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Markey amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 24th that sought to create a statutory requirement that new leases offered pursuant to this act include drilling safety improvements in response to the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster (by a recorded vote of 189 yeas to 232 noes, Roll No. 506);

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Holt amendment (No. 6 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 24th that sought to end free drilling in the Gulf of Mexico by requiring oil companies to pay in order to receive new leases on public lands (by a recorded vote of 177 yeas to 247 noes, Roll No. 507);

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Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 7 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 24th that sought to require each drilling permit application to include an estimate of how much the price of gasoline will decrease as a result of any oil or gas found under the permit (by a recorded vote of 158 yeas to 266 noes, Roll No. 508); and

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Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 8 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July