

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**Pages S1855–63****Additional Statements:****Pages S1851–52****Amendments Submitted:****Pages S1863–72****Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S1872****Privileges of the Floor: Page S1872****Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—37) **Page S1832**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:37 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1872.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUDGET: 2014

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported a concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2023.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 23, to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan;

S. 25, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District;

S. 26, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project;

S. 112, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers;

S. 130, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming;

S. 157, to provide for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska;

S. 222, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified

States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs;

S. 230, to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs;

S. 244, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project;

S. 247, to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, with an amendment;

S. 276, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir;

S. 304, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway;

S. 311, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, with an amendment;

S. 347, to establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware, with an amendment;

S. 352, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild rivers;

S. 354, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument;

S. 383, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

S. 393, to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and

S. 459, to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota.

BORDER SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine border security, focusing on measuring progress and addressing challenges, after receiving testimony Doris Meissner, Migration Policy Institute, and Edward Alden, Council on Foreign Relations, both of Washington, D.C.; and David A. Shirk, University

of San Diego Trans-Border Institute, San Diego, California.

INDEXING THE MINIMUM WAGE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine keeping up with a changing economy, focusing on indexing the minimum wage, after receiving testimony from Brad Avakian, Oregon Labor Commissioner, Portland; Arindrajit Dube, University of Massachusetts, Amherst; Lew Prince, Vintage Vinyl, St. Louis, Missouri; Melvin Sickler, Auntie Anne's Pretzels and Cinnabon, Williamstown, New Jersey, on behalf of the National Restaurant Association; David Rutigliano, SBC Restaurant Group, Trumbull, Connecticut, on behalf of the Connecticut Restaurant Association; and Carolle Fleurio, Jonesboro, Georgia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 150, to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, with amendments.

ACCESS TO CAPITAL AND DISASTER RECOVERY

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine helping small businesses weather economic challenges and natural disasters, focusing on a review of legislative proposals on access to capital and disaster recovery, including S. 289, to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration, S. 415, to clarify the collateral requirement for certain loans under section 7(d) of the Small Business Act,

to address assistance to out-of-State small business concerns, S. 511, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program, S. 537, to require the Small Business Administration to make information relating to lenders making covered loans publicly available, S. 550, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for increased limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control, after receiving testimony from John Needham, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Office of the Inspector General, James Rivera, Associated Administrator, Office of Disaster Assistance, and Jeanne Hult, Associate Administrator, Office of Capital Access, all of the United States Small Business Administration; James L. King, New York State Small Business Development Center, Albany; Ralph Hardt, Jagemann Stamping Company, Manitowoc, Wisconsin; Howard Kunreuther, and Erwann O. Michel-Kerjan, both of the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School Risk Management and Decision Processes Center, Philadelphia; Ashley Fingarson, National Federation of Independent Business, and David B. Muhlhausen, The Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; Sengal Selassie, Brightwood Capital Advisors, LLC, New York, New York; and Jim Rich, Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, Beaumont, Texas.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 59 public bills, H.R. 1148–1206; 1 private bill, H.R. 1207; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 35–36; H. Con. Res. 24; and H. Res. 117–118, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Ezekiel Pipher, Heartland Evangelical Free Church, Central City, Nebraska.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 289 ayes to 125 noes with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 72.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:34 p.m. and reconvened at 3:45 p.m.

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