

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H7006, H7034**

Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act of 2013: The House passed H.R. 982, to amend title 11 of the United States Code to require the public disclosure by trusts established under section 524(g) of such title, of quarterly reports that contain detailed information regarding the receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos, by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 579. **Pages H7009–34**

Rejected the Owens motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 197 yeas to 224 nays, Roll No. 578. **Pages H7032–33**

Rejected:

Cohen amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 113–264) that sought to exempt from the bill asbestos trusts with internal anti-fraud procedures (by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 575); **Pages H7025–26, H7030**

Nadler amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–264) that sought to protect public health and safety by adding a requirement that any party seeking payment information from a trust must also make available information relevant to such action that pertains to public health or safety (by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 576); and **Pages H7026–27, H7030–31**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 113–264) that sought to apply the transparency rules in the bill equally to asbestos industry defendants by requiring asbestos companies to report information about the location of their asbestos-containing products and provides an exception for trade secrets (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 577). **Pages H7027–29, H7031–32**

H. Res. 403, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2655) and (H.R. 982), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 574, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 573. **Pages H7009–17**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:55 p.m. and reconvened at 4:17 p.m. **Page H7029**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated yesterday, November 12th:

Supporting the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution, the right to counsel: H. Res. 196, amended, to support the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution, the right to counsel. **Page H7034**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H7040.

Senate Referrals: S. 1499 and S. 1512 were referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; S. 1557 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; and S Con. Res. 25 was held at the desk. **Pages H7017, H7050**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7016, H7017, H7030, H7030–31, H7031–32, H7032–33, H7033–34. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

KEEPING COLLEGE WITHIN REACH: SIMPLIFYING FEDERAL STUDENT AID

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Keeping College Within Reach: Simplifying Federal Student Aid”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing on H.R. 1518, to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing on S. 1009, the “Chemical Safety Improvement Act”. Testimony was heard from Senators Vitter; and Udall (NM); and Jim Jones, Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE 5 GHZ SPECTRUM BAND

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Challenges and Opportunities in the 5 GHz Spectrum Band”. Testimony was heard from Julius Knapp, Chief Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission; and public witnesses.

**FUTURE OF TERRORISM INSURANCE:
FOSTERING PRIVATE MARKET
INNOVATION TO LIMIT TAXPAYER
EXPOSURE**

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “The Future of Terrorism Insurance: Fostering Private Market Innovation to Limit Taxpayer Exposure”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**WHAT IS CENTRAL ABOUT CENTRAL
BANKING?: A STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL
MODELS**

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “What Is Central About Central Banking?: A Study of International Models”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**EXAMINING NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS:
IRAN AFTER ROUHANI’S FIRST 100 DAYS**

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining Nuclear Negotiations: Iran After Rouhani’s First 100 Days”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONTINUING THREAT OF BOKO HARAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “The Continuing Threat of Boko Haram”. Testimony was heard from Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a markup on H. Res. 147, calling for the release of United States citizen Saeed Abedini and condemning the Government of Iran for its persecution of religious minorities. The resolution was ordered reported, without amendment.

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY TOWARD IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “U.S. Foreign Policy Toward Iraq”. Testimony was heard from Brett McGurk, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Iraq and Iran, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

CYBER SIDE-EFFECTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Cyber Side-Effects: How Secure is the Personal Information Entered into the Flawed

Healthcare.gov?”. Testimony was heard from Roberta “Bobbie” Stempfley, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Cybersecurity and Communication, Department of Homeland Security; Soraya Correa, Associate Director, Enterprise Services Directorate, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

**INSIDER THREAT TO HOMELAND
SECURITY: EXAMINING OUR NATION’S
SECURITY CLEARANCE PROCESSES**

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “The Insider Threat to Homeland Security: Examining Our Nation’s Security Clearance Processes”. Testimony was heard from Merton W. Miller, Associate Director of Investigations, Federal Investigative Services, Office of Personnel Management; Gregory Marshall, Chief Security Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Brian Prioletti, Assistant Director Special Security Directorate, National Counterintelligence Executive, Office of Director of National Intelligence; and Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Military and DOD Civilian Personnel Issues, Government Accountability Office.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ENTRY-EXIT
SYSTEM: STILL WAITING AFTER ALL
THESE YEARS**

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Implementation of an Entry-Exit System: Still Waiting After All These Years”. Testimony was heard from David F. Heyman, Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

**OBAMACARE IMPLEMENTATION: THE
ROLLOUT OF HEALTHCARE.GOV**

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “ObamaCare Implementation: The Rollout of Healthcare.gov”. Testimony was heard from Frank Baitman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Information Technology, Department of Health and Human Services; Henry Chao, Deputy Chief Information Officer and Deputy Director of the Office of Information Services, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Todd Park, Chief Technology Officer, Office of Science and Technology Policy, The White House; Steve VanRoekel, Chief Information Officer and Administrator, Office of Electronic Government, Office of Management and Budget; David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

KEEPING AMERICA FIRST: FEDERAL INVESTMENTS IN RESEARCH, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY AT NSF, NIST, OSTP AND INTERAGENCY STEM PROGRAMS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Keeping America FIRST: Federal Investments in Research, Science, and Technology at NSF, NIST, OSTP and Interagency STEM Programs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CORRECTING KERFUFFLES—ANALYZING PROHIBITED PRACTICES AND PREVENTABLE PATIENT DEATHS AT JACKSON VAMC

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Correcting Kerfuffles—Analyzing Prohibited Practices and Preventable Patient Deaths at Jackson VAMC”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VA’S INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM—A PROGRAM REVIEW

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “VA’s Independent Living Program—A Program Review”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Margarita Devlin, Acting Director, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Jason Furman, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers.

BUDGET RESOLUTION

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. Con. Res. 8, 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 2015 through 2023, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine Southeast regional perspective on “Magnuson-Stevens Act” reauthorization, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider S. 753, to provide for national security benefits for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss, S. 1169, to withdraw and reserve certain public land in the State of Montana for the Limestone Hills Training Area, and S. 1309, to withdraw and reserve certain public land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior for military uses; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Steven Croley, of Michigan, to be General Counsel, and Christopher Smith, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, both of the Department of Energy, and Esther Puakela Kia’aina, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 1271, to direct the President to establish guidelines for the United States foreign assistance programs, an original bill entitled, “Naval Vessel Transfer Act of 2013”, and the nominations of Daniel W. Yohannes, of Colorado, to be Representative to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Anthony Luzzatto Gardner, of New York, to be Representative to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Amy Jane Hyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, and Elizabeth Frawley Bagley, of the District of Columbia, Theodore Strickland, of Ohio, and Stephen N. Zack, of Florida, all to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, all of the Department of State, 11:15 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on developments in Egypt, 2 p.m., SVC-217.

Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the Eastern Partnership, focusing on the outlook for Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Belarus, Armenia, and Azerbaijan, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine ensuring access to higher education, focusing on simplifying Federal student aid for today’s college student, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine threats to the homeland, 10 a.m., SD-342.