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BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 932, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1262, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans conservation corps, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1556, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify authorities relating to the collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration;

S. 1581, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide counseling and treatment for sexual

trauma to members of the Armed Forces, to require the Secretary to screen veterans for domestic abuse, to require the Secretary to submit reports on military sexual trauma and domestic abuse, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1593, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to enhance the protections accorded to servicemembers and their spouses with respect to mortgages, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1604, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance eligibility for health care and services through the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Sloan D. Gibson, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary, Linda A. Schwartz, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, and Constance B. Tobias, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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: 14 public bills, H.R. 3529–3542; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 421–423 were introduced. **Pages H7251–52**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H7253**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 420, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1900) to provide for the timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required under Federal law with respect to the siting, construction, expansion, or operation of any natural gas pipeline projects, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–272). **Page H7251**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Holding to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7191**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:57 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7197**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Rev. Dr. John Adams, First Baptist Church, Mantachie, Mississippi. **Page H7197**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H7197, H7211**

Federal Lands Jobs and Energy Security Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 1965, to streamline and ensure onshore energy permitting, provide for onshore leasing certainty, and give certainty to oil shale development for American energy security, economic development, and job creation. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow.

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Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–26 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for

the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H7218**

Agreed to:

Hastings (WA) manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–271) that adjusts the amount of funds authorized to be made available to BLM field offices for energy permitting to ensure bill has a positive (deficit reducing) score; **Page H7223**

Hanabusa amendment (No. 5 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–271) that requires the Secretary of the Interior in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture to include in their Quadrennial Federal On-shore Energy Production Strategy, the best estimate, based upon commercial and scientific data, of the expected increase in domestic production of geothermal, solar, wind, or other renewable energy sources on lands designated as Hawaiian Home Lands that the state agency or department responsible for the administration of these lands selects to be used for energy production; and **Page H7228**

Marino amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–271) that requires the Secretary of the Interior to include Federal lands as a part of its plan to address new demands for oil and gas pipelines. **Pages H7228–29**

Proceedings Postponed:

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–271) that seeks to preserve the First Amendment Right To Petition; **Pages H7223–25**

Lowenthal amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–271) that seeks to allow the Secretary of the Interior to continue to review actions that generally qualify for Categorical Exclusions to NEPA for possible Extraordinary Circumstances (e.g. Violations of a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement) which would then supersede the Categorical Exclusion and require further NEPA review; **Pages H7225–26**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–271) that seeks to eliminate prohibition of award of attorney fees which otherwise would be recoverable under Equal Access to Justice Act; **Pages H7226–28**

Polis amendment (No. 7 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–271) that seeks to require the National Academy of Sciences to study and report to Congress about the impact of flooding on oil and gas facilities and the resulting instances of leaking and spills from tanks, wells, and pipelines; and **Pages H7229–30**

DeFazio amendment (No. 8 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–271) that seeks to authorize \$10 million of the revenue generated by the underlying bill for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to use existing authority to limit speculation in energy markets. **Pages H7230–31**

H. Res. 419, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1965) and (H.R. 2728), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 196 noes, Roll No. 591, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 590. **Pages H7201–11**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

PEPFAR Stewardship and Oversight Act of 2013: S. 1545, to extend authorities related to global HIV/AIDS and to promote oversight of United States programs. **Pages H7232–38**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7210 and H7210–11. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IMPROVING THE CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Preparing Today’s Students for Tomorrow’s Jobs: Improving the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act”. Testimony was heard from Brenda Dann-Messier, Assistant Secretary for Adult and Vocational Education, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING FEDERAL REGULATION OF MOBILE MEDICAL APPS AND OTHER HEALTH SOFTWARE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining Federal Regulation of Mobile Medical Apps and Other Health Software”. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey E. Shuren, M.D., Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration; and public witnesses.

SECURITY OF HEALTHCARE.GOV

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Security of HealthCare.gov”. Testimony was heard from Henry Chao, Deputy Chief Information Officer and Deputy Director of the Office of Information Services, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and public witnesses.