

Rejected the Ellison motion that the Committee rise and report to the House with the recommendation that the enacting clause be stricken by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 182.

Pages H1874–75

Agreed to:

Ellison amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–34) that lists state-by-state funding allocations of Neighborhood Stabilization Programs Round Three potentially at risk (agreed that the voice vote by which the amendment was rejected be vacated to the end that the Chair put the question de novo);

Pages H1875–77, H1878

Hurt amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–34) that ensures that all unobligated balances rescinded by the bill will be retained in the Treasury's General Fund for the purpose of deficit reduction; and

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Castor en bloc amendment (consisting of No. 9 and No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–34) that requires the GAO to conduct a study, within 90 days of the bills enactment, of the economic impact the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Round Three would have on communities around the United States and requires the GAO to conduct a study, within 90 days of the bills enactment, of the economic impact the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Rounds One and Two have had on communities around the United States.

Pages H1888–90

Rejected:

Loretta Sanchez amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–34) that sought to add a new section with Congressional findings that if the rescinded and canceled amounts were instead made available for NSP, the Congress could have rebuilt U.S. neighborhoods;

Pages H1879–80

Richardson amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–34) that sought to amend the effective date of H.R. 861 to the sooner of: (1) 5 years from the date of enactment; or (2) the date when the national average of underwater mortgages on 1- to 4-family residential properties is 10 percent or less and the percentage of underwater mortgages relating to such properties in the state with the highest percentage of underwater residential properties is 15 percent or less;

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Ellison amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–34) that sought to provide findings for the need for and efficacy of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 183);

Pages H1878–79, H1890–91

Waters amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–34) that sought to require the Secretary of HUD to send a notice to NSP grantees that would have received funding under NSP that the

program has been terminated (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 184);

Pages H1883–84, H1891

Waters amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–34) that sought to require the Secretary of HUD to study the number of homes that will not be mitigated in each Congressional district as a result of the funding rescission, and report findings to Congress (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 185); and

Pages H1884–85, H1891–92

Maloney amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–34) that sought to list the number of homes in each state that have been vacant for 90 days or more and which would be eligible for rehabilitation under the program, and also state that by voting to terminate this program, these units may not be able to be rehabilitated using NSP funds (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 186).

Pages H1885–88, H1892–93

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1860.

Senate Referrals: S.J. Res. 7, S.J. Res. 8, and S.J. Res. 9 were referred to the Committee on House Administration.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1859–60, H1874–75, H1890–91, H1891, H1891–92, H1892–93, H1894–95, and H1895–96. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

CHESAPEAKE BAY TMDL

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry held a hearing to review the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, agricultural conservation practices, and their implications on national watersheds. Testimony was heard from Dave White, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; Bob Perciasepe, Deputy Administrator, EPA; Doug Domenech, Secretary of Natural Resources, Virginia; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from

Cathie Woteki, Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, Department of Agriculture.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Michele Leonhart, Administrator, DEA.

DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on FY 2012 Army Budget Overview, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol. Testimony was heard from John M. McHugh, Secretary of the Army; and GEN George W. Casey, Jr., Chief of Staff, USA.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Energy, Science, Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Steven Koonin, Under Secretary for Science.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of Treasury.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Southwest Border Enforcement. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Homeland Security officials: Thomas Winkoski, Assistant Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection; Michael Fisher, Chief, Border Patrol, James Dinkins, Associate Director, Homeland Security Investigations; and Paul Zukunft, Rear Admiral, USCG.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Fish and Wildlife Service FY 2012 Budget Oversight Hearing. Testimony was heard from the following Fish and Wildlife officials: Dan Ashe, Deputy Director; Rowan Gould, Acting Director; and Chris Nolin, Budget Officer.

LABOR, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Health and Human Services FY12 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Hilda Solis, Secretary of Labor.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Veterans Affairs Budget. Testimony was heard from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of Veteran Affairs.

DEVELOPMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on developments in Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from GEN David Petraeus, USA, Commander, International Security Assistance Force/United States Forces—Afghanistan; and Michelle Flournoy, Undersecretary of Defense for Policy.

CYBER COMMAND

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget request from the U.S. Cyber Command. Testimony was heard from GEN Keith Alexander, USA, Commander, Cyber Command; and James N. Miller, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on Military Health System Overview and Defense Health Program Cost Efficiencies: A Beneficiary Perspective. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing on amphibious operations. Testimony was heard from Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Vice Admiral John T. Blake, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources; and Lt. Gen. George J. Flynn, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

FY 2012 BUDGET—NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power and Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a joint hearing entitled “The FY2012 Department of Energy and Nuclear Regulatory Commission Budgets.” Testimony was heard from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy; and Gregory Jaczko, Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

MADE IN AMERICA: INCREASING JOBS THROUGH EXPORT AND TRADE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Made in America: Increasing Jobs through Exports and Trade.” Testimony was heard from Francisco J. Sanchez, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Warren, Special Advisor to the Secretary of the Treasury for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Department of the Treasury.

JOB CREATION, CAPITOL FORMATION, AND MARKET CERTAINTY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Promote Job Creation, Capital Formation, and Market Certainty”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FY 2012 BUDGET—AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on the Agency for International Development and the Millennium Challenge Corporation: Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Requests and Future Directions in Foreign Assistance. Testimony was heard from Daniel Yohannes, CEO, Millennium Challenge Corporation; and Rajiv Shah, Administrator, Agency for International Development.

CYBER THREAT TO INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE ECONOMY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled “Examining the Cyber Threat to Critical Infrastructure and the American Economy.” Testimony was heard from Phillip Reitingger, Deputy Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Greg Wilshusen, Director of Information Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Testimony was heard from Robert S. Mueller III, Director, FBI.

DE FACTO MORATORIUM IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing on the Obama Administration’s De Facto Moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico: Community and Economic Impacts. Testimony was heard from Scott Angelle, Secretary of Natural Resources, Louisiana; Elizabeth Ames Jones, Commissioner, Railroad Commission, Texas; and public witnesses.

TSA OVERSIGHT—WHOLE BODY IMAGING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations held a hearing on TSA Oversight Part I: Whole Body Imaging. Testimony was heard from Sharon Cissna, State Representative, Alaska; Robin Kane, Assistant Administrator for Security Technology, TSA; Lee Kair; Assistant Administrator for Security Operations, TSA; and public witnesses.

PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending held a hearing on Project Labor Agreements and the Cost of Doing Business in the Construction Industry. Testimony was heard from Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; Daniel Gordon, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Executive Office of the President; David Michaels, Assistant Secretary for Occupational Health and Safety, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

TO PROHIBIT FEDERAL FUNDING OF NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO AND THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO ACQUIRE RADIO CONTENT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a vote of 6 to 5, a closed rule providing one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule provides that all points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

INNOVATION AND JOB CREATION—THE SBIR PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing on Spurring Innovation and Job Creation: The SBIR Program. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: S. 307, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 217 West King Street, Martinsburg, West Virginia, as the “W. Craig Broadwater Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, ordered reported without amendment; H.R. 872, Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2011, ordered reported with amendment; and H.R. 1079, Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2011, ordered reported without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 1034, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund. The bill was ordered reported without amendment.

TAX CODE TREATMENT OF ABORTION-RELATED EXPENSES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on the tax code’s treatment of abortion-related expenses and the changes to such tax treatment proposed by section 2 of H.R. 3—the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act. Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Barthold, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation.

SUBCOMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held an organizational meeting.

Joint Meetings

NORTHERN IRELAND

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Northern Ireland, focusing on justice in individual cases and accountability for past abuses by security services in the region, including implementation of key provisions of the Good Friday Agreement, after receiving testimony from Michael H. Posner, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; Jane Winter, British Rights Watch, London, England; and John Finucane, John Teggart, and Ciaran McAirt, all of Belfast, Northern Ireland.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Food and Drug Administration, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the Government Printing Office (GPO), and the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine military construction, environmental, and base closure programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-323A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), focusing on evaluating returns on taxpayer investments, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Heather A. Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, 2 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine investing in Federal research and development, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings to examine current global investment trends in clean energy technologies and the impact of domestic policies on that investment, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, with the Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy, to hold joint hearings to examine the “Clean Air Act” and jobs, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings to examine popular uprisings in the Middle East, focusing on the implications for U.S. policy, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, to hold hearings to examine health insurance exchanges and ongoing state implementation of the “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act,” 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine recouping improperly paid Federal assistance in the aftermath of disasters, 10 a.m., SD-342.