

AMERICA'S NATURAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine America's natural disaster preparedness, focusing on if Federal investments are paying off, after receiving testimony from William H. Hooke, American Meteorological Society, and Anne S. Kiremidjian, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), both of Washington, D.C.; Robert Ryan, ABC7/WJLA-TV, Arlington, Virginia; and Clint Dawson, The University of Texas at Austin Institute for Computational Engineering and Sciences Department of Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, Austin.

AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY LEADERSHIP ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the proposal for a Clean Energy Deployment Administration as contained in Title I, Subtitle A of the American Clean Energy Leadership Act of 2009, after receiving testimony from Jonathan Silver, Executive Director, Loan Programs Office, Department of Energy; Dan W. Reicher, Stanford University Steyer-Taylor Center for

Energy Policy and Finance, Palo Alto, California; Kassia Yanosek, Tana Energy Capital LLC, New York, New York; and Christopher Guith, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for 21st Century Energy, Washington, D.C.

TAX BURDENS AND TAX BENEFITS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine if the distribution of tax burdens and tax benefits is equitable, after receiving testimony from Daniel N. Shaviro, New York University Law School, New York, New York; Scott A. Hodge, Tax Foundation, and Alan Reynolds, The Cato Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Aviva Aron-Dine, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Department of Economics, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Afghanistan, focusing on what is an acceptable end-state, and how to get there, after receiving testimony from Ronald E. Neumann, American Academy of Diplomacy, Washington, D.C.; Anne-Marie Slaughter, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey; and Richard N. Haass, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 1681–1704; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 240–244, were introduced. **Pages H2998–99**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3000–01**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 754, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–72). **Pages H2997–98**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative McClintock to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2937**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2941**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Alan Kieran, Office of the U.S. Senate Chaplain, Washington, DC. **Page H2941**

Committee Re-referral: The House agreed that H.R. 1425 be re-referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition, to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology and Armed Services. **Page H2952**

Repealing mandatory funding provided to States in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to establish American Health Benefit Exchanges: The House passed H.R. 1213, to repeal mandatory funding provided to States in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to establish American Health Benefit Exchanges, by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 285. **Pages H2952–69, H2977–82**

Rejected the Boswell motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 284. **Pages H2980–81**

Rejected:

Pallone amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–70) that sought to require GAO to report on benefits of funding in setting up state run exchanges

that reflect that state's marketplace, as opposed to state exchanges established and operated by the Federal government; **Pages H2966–67**

Welch amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–70) that sought to preserve funding for establishment of Health Benefit Exchanges for states that apply for early innovator grants before 2012. The funds used would be subject to availability of appropriations up to \$1.9 billion; **Pages H2967–69**

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–70) that sought to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to post notice of rescission of funds and the amount rescinded on the public website of the Department of Health and Human Services (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 281); **Pages H2962–63, H2978**

Waters amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–70) that sought to require, within 6 months after enactment, the Secretary of Health and Human Services to submit to Congress a report on the extent to which states are expected to have difficulties establishing Health Benefit Exchanges without the Federal assistance repealed and rescinded under this bill (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 282); and **Pages H2963–64, H2978–79**

Ellison amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–70) that sought to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to submit to Congress a report on the impact of H.R. 1213 on the possible delays and potential enrollment reductions to Health Benefit Exchanges (by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 283). **Pages H2964–66, H2979–80**

H. Res. 236, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1213) and (H.R. 1214) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 280, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 279. **Pages H2943–52**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the recent tornadoes that swept through the Southeastern United States. **Page H2979**

Repealing mandatory funding for school-based health center construction: The House began consideration of H.R. 1214, to repeal mandatory funding for school-based health center construction. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 4th. **Pages H2969–77, H2983–85**

Proceedings Postponed:

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of May 2, 2011) that seeks to require the Health and Human Services Department to post a notice of rescission and the total amount

of unobligated funds rescinded by the bill on the department's website and **Pages H2983–85**

Pallone amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of May 2, 2011) that seeks to require a GAO study to determine school districts most in need of constructing or renovating school-based health centers. **Page H2985**

H. Res. 236, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1213) and (H.R. 1214) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 280, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 279. **Pages H2943–52**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2951–52, H2952, H2978, H2978–79, 2979–80, H2981, and H2981–82. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AT RISK: AMERICAN JOBS, AGRICULTURE, HEALTH AND SPECIES—THE COSTS OF FEDERAL REGULATORY DYSFUNCTION

Committee on Agriculture and Committee on Natural Resources: Held a joint hearing on At Risk: American Jobs, Agriculture, Health and Species—the Costs of Federal Regulatory Dysfunction. Testimony was heard from Joseph Glauber, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; Steven Bradbury, Deputy Director, Office of Pesticide Programs, EPA; Rowan Gould, Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Eric Schwab, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA; Angela Beehler, District Manager, Benton County Mosquito Control District; and public witnesses.

NATIVE AMERICAN PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a morning and an afternoon Native American public witness hearing. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WHITE HOUSE TRANSPARENCY, VISITOR LOGS AND LOBBYISTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “White House Transparency, Visitor Logs and Lobbyists.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.