

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: 24 public bills, H.R. 1801–1824; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 57; and H. Res. 255–256, 258–262 were introduced. **Pages H3159–61**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3161–62**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 257, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1231) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources, to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–74). **Page H3159**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Graves (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3117**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H3118**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Jane Wood, Jerusalem-Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, Rockville, Maryland. **Page H3118**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Nevada, Mr. Heller, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 432. **Page H3118**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:14 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H3119**

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

Assessing Progress in Haiti Act: H.R. 1016, amended, to measure the progress of relief, recovery, reconstruction, and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010. **Page H3126**

Putting the Gulf of Mexico Back to Work Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 1229, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to fa-

ilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 11th. **Pages H3120–26 H3131–47**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. **Page H3131**

Rejected:

Polis amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that sought to require safety review of permits to take into consideration all applicable safety, environmental and fisheries laws (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 299); **Pages H3132–34, H3141**

Garamendi amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that sought to implement the Commission's recommendation by requiring that in reviewing a drilling permit, the Secretary consult with an independent drilling safety organization not affiliated with the oil industry trade association (by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 300); **Pages H3134–35, H3141–42**

Markey amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that sought to implement basic offshore drilling safety reforms recommended by the independent BP spill commission. The Commission found that the root causes of the BP spill were "systematic" and could have been prevented. The amendment would set specific new minimum standards for blow-out preventers, cementing and well design (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 301); and **Pages H3135–37, H3142–43**

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 10 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that sought to amend the bill to emphasize quality of court decisions instead of speed of court decisions. **Pages H3145–46**

Proceedings Postponed:

Hanabusa amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that seeks to state that the Secretary shall not issue an offshore drilling permit

without certifying that the applicant has calculated a worst-case discharge scenario for the proposed drilling operations; and has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the applicant possesses the capability and technology to respond immediately and effectively to such worst-case discharge scenario; **Pages H3137–38**

Holt amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that seeks to strike a provision in the underlying bill that would “deem” drilling permits approved after 60 days even if the necessary safety and environmental reviews have not be completed. The amendment leaves in place a timeline for approving drilling permits, but prevents permits from being “deemed” approved before the safety review has been completed; **Pages H3138–40**

Polis amendment (No. 7 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that seeks to lift timeline requirements if the agency lacks an adequate budget or lacks staff expertise to properly review permits; **Pages H3140–41**

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 8 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that seeks to require a detailed description of the extent to which and by when any oil found on the leased property will decrease the price of crude oil and at the pump for hardworking Americans; **Pages H3143–44**

Deutch amendment (No. 9 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that seeks to strike section 202 of H.R. 1229, so that states outside of the 5th Circuit can have their courts hear civil actions relating to energy projects in the Gulf of Mexico; and **Pages H3144–45**

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 11 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that seeks to strike section 207 of the bill which pertains to limitations on attorneys’ fees. **Pages H3146–47**

H. Res. 245, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on May 5th.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H3118.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3141, H3141–42 and H3142–43. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began markup of the following: H.R. 5, the Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare

(HEALTH) Act of 2011; and H.R. 908, the Full Implementation of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) Act.

GOVERNANCE, DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing on Governance, Democracy, Human Rights, and the Millennium Challenge Corporation in Africa: The FY 2012 Proposed Budget. Testimony was heard from Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Sharon Cromer, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Patrick Fine, Vice President for Compact Implementation, Department of Compact Operations, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

FUTURE OF CAPITAL FORMATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Future of Capital Formation.” Testimony was heard from the following Securities and Exchange Commission officials: Mary Schapiro, Chairman; Meredith Cross, Director, Division of Corporation Finance; Roel C. Campos, Former Commissioner; and public witnesses.

REVERSING PRESIDENT OBAMA’S OFFSHORE MORATORIUM ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a record vote of 7 to 3, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1231, Reversing President Obama’s Offshore Moratorium Act. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources shall be considered as adopted and that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Provides that each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points