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#### AT&T/T-MOBILE MERGER

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the AT&T/T-Mobile merger, after receiving testimony from Randall Stephenson, AT&T Inc., Dallas, Texas; Philipp Humm, T-Mobile USA, Inc., Bellevue, Washington; Daniel R. Hesse, Sprint Nextel Corporation, Overland Park, Kansas; Victor H. Meena, Cellular South, Inc., Ridgeland, Mississippi; and Gigi B. Sohn, Public

Knowledge, and Larry Cohen, Communications Workers of America, both of Washington, D.C.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 116, to provide for expedited Senate consideration of certain nominations subject to advice and consent;

S. 739, to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to establish battery recharging stations for privately owned vehicles in parking areas under the jurisdiction of the Senate at no net cost to the Federal Government; and

The nomination of William J. Boorman, of Maryland, to be Public Printer, Government Printing Office.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 32 public bills, H.R. 1825–1856; 1 private bill, H.R. 1857; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 58–61; and H. Res. 263, 265–266 were introduced. **Pages H3217–20**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3220–21**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 264, providing for consideration of the bill (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 (H. Rept. 112–75).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ellmers to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3163**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3168**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Wallace Shepherd, Second Baptist Church, Santa Barbara, California. **Page H3168**

**Report Filing:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services have until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 to file its report to accompany H.R. 1540. **Page H3171**

**Putting the Gulf of Mexico Back to Work Act:** The House passed H.R. 1229, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico, by a recorded vote of 263 ayes to 163 noes, Roll No. 309. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, May 10th. **Pages H3180–86**

Rejected the Connolly motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 308. **Pages H3185–86**

Rejected:

Hanabusa amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that was debated on May 10th that sought 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 (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 302); **Page H3180**

Holt amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that was debated on May 10th that sought 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 (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 303); **Pages H3180–81**

Polis amendment (No. 7 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that was debated on May 10th that sought to lift timeline requirements if the agency lacks an adequate budget or lacks staff expertise to properly review permits (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 304); **Pages H3181–82**

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 8 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that was debated on May 10th that sought 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 (by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 305); **Page H3182**

Deutch amendment (No. 9 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that was debated on May 10th that sought to strike section 202 of H.R. 1229, so that states outside of the 5th Circuit could have their courts hear civil actions relating to energy projects in the Gulf of Mexico (by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 306); and **Pages H3182–83**

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 11 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that was debated on May 10th that sought to strike section 207 of the bill which pertains to limitations on attorneys’ fees (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 307). **Pages H3183–84**

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

Pursuant to section 3 of the rule, in the engrossment of H.R. 1229, the Clerk shall (1) add the text of H.R. 1230, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 1229; (2) conform the title of H.R. 1229 to reflect the addition of H.R. 1230, as passed by the House, to the engrossment; (3) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and (4) conform cross-references and provisions for short titles within the engrossment.

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Fincher, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H3188**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 263, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H3188**

**Report Filing:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary have until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 to file its report to accompany H.R. 1800. **Page H3188**

**Report Filings:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans Affairs have until 5 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2011 to file its reports to accompany H.R. 1407, H.R. 1484, H.R. 1627, H.R. 1383, H.R. 1657, and H.R. 802. **Page H3188**

**Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby:** The House agreed to discharge and agree to H. Con. Res. 16, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. **Pages H3188–89**

**Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service:** The House agreed to discharge and agree to H. Con. Res. 46, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service. **Page H3189**

**Reversing President Obama’s Offshore Moratorium Act:** The House began consideration of 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 and to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 12th. **Pages H3171–80, H3186–88, H3189–H3207**

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.

Agreed to:

Young (AK) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–74) that makes technical numbering corrections to section 2 of the bill. **Page H3196**

Rejected:

Connolly amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–74) that sought to clarify that new offshore drilling would not conflict with military operations (by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 312); **Pages H3196–98, H3205**

Markey amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–74) that sought to require that new 5-year leasing plans require that companies bidding on new leases first renegotiate any royalty-free leases they own; thus raising more than \$2 billion over 10 years (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 313); and **Pages H3189–99, H3205–06**

Keating amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–74) that sought to require the Secretary to make public information about the lessee’s executive

bonuses from the most recent quarter (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 314).

**Pages H3199–H3200, H3206**

Proceedings Postponed:

Tsongas amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–74) that seeks to require that all applicants for a drilling permit under a lease issued under H.R. 1231 would have to submit a worst-case scenario oil spill containment and clean-up plan; **Pages H3200–01**

Brown (FL) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–74) that seeks to make permanent the current moratorium on drilling in the eastern gulf of Mexico that expires in 2022; **Pages H3201–02**

Thompson (CA) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–74) that seeks to clarify that the legislation does not allow for oil and gas drilling on the northern coast of California; and **Pages H3202–03**

Inslee amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–74) that seeks to require the Washington state Governor and legislature approve any leasing of the Outer Continental Shelf off of Washington state.

**Pages H3203–04**

H. Res. 257, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 311, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 310.

**Pages H3171–80, H3186–88**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3164.

**Senate Referral:** S. Con. Res. 16 was referred to the Committee on House Administration.

**Pages H3164, H3216**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and twelve recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3180, H3181, H3181–82, H3182, H3183, H3183–84, H3185, H3186, H3187, H3187–88, H3205, H3205–06 and H3206. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT— APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Endowment for the Arts FY12 Budget. Testimony was heard from Rocco Landesman, Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts.

### DEFENSE—APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Defense Health Program. Testimony was heard from Jonathan Woodson, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; Lieutenant General Eric B. Schoomaker, Surgeon General of the U.S. Army; Vice Admiral Adam M. Robinson, Jr., Surgeon General of the U.S. Navy; and Lieutenant General Charles B. Green, Surgeon General of the U.S. Air Force.

### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH—APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the Government Printing Office, Congressional Budget Office, Members and Public Witnesses. Testimony was heard from William J. Boarman, Public Printer of the United States, GPO; Doug Elmendorf, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

### INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT— APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Endowment for the Humanities FY12 Budget Oversight. Testimony was heard from Jim Leach, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a markup of the following: H. Res. 208, Directing the Secretary of Defense to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of any document, record, memo, correspondence, or other communication of the Department of Defense, or any portion of such communication, that refers or relates to any consultation with Congress regarding Operation Odyssey Dawn or military actions in or against Libya; and H.R. 1540, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

### REMOVING INEFFICIENCIES IN THE NATION'S JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training held a hearing on Removing Inefficiencies in the Nation's Job Training Programs. Testimony was heard from Andrew Sherrill, Director for Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.