

**Rejected:**

Lamborn amendment that sought to eliminate funding for several land acquisition accounts and apply \$50,721,000 to the spending reduction account and

**Pages H5548–49**

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Environmental Programs and Management by \$5 million.

**Pages H5573–75****Withdrawn:**

Norton amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$300,000 in funding with respect to National Recreation and Preservation and

**Pages H5564–65**

Mica amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for National Park Service, Construction by \$2 million.

**Pages H5566–69****Proceedings Postponed:**

Clarke (MI) amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Environmental Programs and Management by \$10 million;

**Pages H5544–46**

Dicks amendment that seeks to strike the proviso relating to funding limitations for carrying out certain subsections of the Endangered Species Act;

**Pages H5550–61**

Tonko amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for National Recreation and Preservation by \$8,408,000;

**Pages H5562–63**

Amash amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2011) that seeks to striking funding for the National Capital Performing Arts/Capital Concerts and apply the savings to the spending reduction account;

**Pages H5563–64**

Dold amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Environmental Programs and Management by \$24,700,000;

**Pages H5570–71**

Reed amendment (No. 44 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2011) that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for State and Private Forestry by \$8,291,000; and

**Pages H5571–72**

Scalise amendment, as modified, that seeks to reduce funding for the Office of the Secretary, Departmental Operations by \$420,000.

**Pages H5572–73**

H. Res. 363, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, July 25th.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5581–82.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and 11 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5507, H5508, H5508–09, H5531, H5531–32, H5532–33, H5533, H5533–34, H5534, H5535, H5535–36, H5536, H5538, H5538–39. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:34 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### TEN YEARS AFTER THE 2001 AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF MILITARY FORCE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing on Ten Years After the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force: Current Status of Legal Authorities, Detention, and Prosecution in the War on Terror. Testimony was heard from Michael B. Mukasey, Partner, Debevoise and Plimpton, LLP, former Attorney General of the United States, former Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; Daniel Dell 'Orto, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, AM General LLC, former Principal Deputy General Counsel and Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense; Steven Engel, Partner, Dechert LLP, former Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, Office of Legal Counsel; and public witnesses.

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INVESTMENT IN TECHNOLOGY AND CAPABILITY TO MEET EMERGING SECURITY THREATS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Department of Defense investment in technology and capability to meet emerging security threats. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### TOTAL FORCE READINESS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on total force readiness. Testimony was heard from GEN Peter W. Chiarelli, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; ADM Jonathan W. Greenert, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy; Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, U.S. Marine Corps; and Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

### ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF THE LABOR DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL ON WORKERS AND RETIREES

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled "Redefining 'Fiduciary': Assessing the Impact of the Labor Department's Proposal on Workers and Retirees." Testimony was heard from Phyllis Borzi, Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration; and public witnesses.

## CYBERSECURITY: AN OVERVIEW OF RISKS TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing is entitled “Cybersecurity: An Overview of Risks to Critical Infrastructure.” Testimony was heard from Bobbie Stempfley, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Cyber Security and Communications, Department of Homeland Security; Sean P. McGurk, Director, National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC) in the Office of Cybersecurity and Communications, Department of Homeland Security; and Gregory Wilshusen, Director of Information Security Issues, GAO.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a markup of the following: H.R. 2405, the “Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 1254, the “Synthetic Drug Control Act”; and H.R. 1852, the “Children’s Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act.” The following were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 2405 and H.R. 1254. H.R. 1852 was forwarded without amendment.

## EXAMINING RENTAL PURCHASE AGREEMENTS AND THE POTENTIAL ROLE FOR FEDERAL REGULATION

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Examining Rental Purchase Agreements and the Potential Role for Federal Regulation.” Testimony was heard from Charles Harwood, Deputy Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; and public witnesses.

## IMPACT OF MONETARY POLICY ON THE ECONOMY

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology held a hearing entitled “Impact of Monetary Policy on the Economy: A Regional Fed Perspective on Inflation, Unemployment, and QE3.” Testimony was heard from Thomas M. Hoenig, President, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

## EASTERN EUROPE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia held a hearing on Eastern Europe: The State of Democracy and Freedom. Testimony was heard from Thomas O. Melia, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

## REASSESSING AMERICAN GRAND STRATEGY IN SOUTH ASIA

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Reassessing American Grand Strategy in South Asia. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## COORDINATING AFRICA POLICY

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a joint hearing on Coordinating Africa Policy on Security, Counterterrorism, Humanitarian Operations and Development. Testimony was heard from Donald Y. Yamamoto, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Vicki Huddleston, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; and Sharon Cromer, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development.

## FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL EFFORTS TO PREVENT NUCLEAR AND RADIOLOGICAL TERRORISM WITHIN THE UNITED STATES

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled “The Last Line of Defense: Federal, State, and Local Efforts to Prevent Nuclear and Radiological Terrorism Within the United States.” Testimony was heard from Warren M. Stern, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Department of Homeland Security; Carl Pavetto, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Emergency Operations, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Richard Daddario, Deputy Commissioner for Counterterrorism, New York City Police Department; Mark Perez, Homeland Security Advisor, Florida Department of Law Enforcement; and David C. Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 2572, the “Clean Up Government Act of 2011.” Testimony was heard from Mary Pat Brown, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement held a hearing on H.R. 2497, the “Hinder the Administration’s Legalization Temptation Act.” Testimony was heard from Sen. Vitter; and public witnesses.

## NOAA'S FISHERY SCIENCE

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled "NOAA's Fishery Science: Is the Lack of Basic Science Costing Jobs?" Testimony was heard from Rep. Mica; Rep. Jones; Eric Schwaab, Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and public witnesses.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following: H.R. 2578, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1581, the "Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011." Testimony was heard from Sen. Barrasso; Rep. McCarthy of California; Rep. Pearce; Robert V. Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Harris Sherman, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Bruce Babbitt, Former Secretary of the Interior; Mike Noel, Utah House of Representatives, District 73; Kent Connelly, County Commissioner, Lincoln County, Wyoming; and public witnesses.

## OPERATION FAST AND FURIOUS: THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BORDER

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Operation Fast and Furious: The Other Side of the Border." Testimony was heard from Carlos Canino, ATF Acting Attaché to Mexico; Darren Gil, former ATF Attaché to Mexico; Jose Wall, ATF Senior Special Agent, Tijuana, Mexico; Lorren Leadmon, ATF Intelligence Operations Specialist; William Newell, former ATF Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Field Division; and William McMahon, ATF Deputy Assistant Director for Field Operations (West, including Phoenix and Mexico).

## LIGHTS OUT: HOW EPA REGULATIONS THREATEN AFFORDABLE POWER AND JOB CREATION

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending held a hearing entitled "Lights Out: How EPA Regulations Threaten Affordable Power and Job Creation." Testimony was heard from Robert W. Perciasepe, Deputy Administrator, EPA; and public witnesses.

## PROTECTING JOBS FROM GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2587, the "Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act". The Committee granted, by record vote of 7 to 4, a closed rule providing one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony on H.R. 2587 was heard from the following: Chairman Kline; Rep. George Miller of California; and Rep. Andrews.

## FASTER FOIA ACT OF 2011 (BUDGET CONTROL ACT OF 2011)

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee began a hearing on S. 627 the "Faster FOIA Act of 2011" (Budget Control Act of 2011). Testimony on S. 627 was heard from Rep. Van Hollen. The Committee plans to continue the hearing on S. 627 at a date and time to be determined.

## ENSURING LIMITED FEDERAL RESOURCES ARE INVESTED IN THE BEST SCIENCE

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing entitled "The Merit Review Process: Ensuring Limited Federal Resources are Invested in the Best Science." Testimony was heard from Cora Marrett, Deputy Director, National Science Foundation; and public witnesses.

## HOW TO IMPROVE OPERATIONS AND IMPLEMENT EFFICIENCIES FOR THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled "How to Improve Operations and Implement Efficiencies for the United States Coast Guard." Testimony was heard from Rep. Farr; Vice Admiral John Currier, Deputy Commandant for Mission Support, United States Coast Guard; Vice Admiral Brian Salerno, Deputy Commandant for Operations, United States Coast Guard; and Holly Bamford, Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

## ALTERNATIVE TAX SYSTEMS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing on alternative tax systems, with a focus on tax systems that are based on taxing consumption rather than income. Testimony was heard from Mike Huckabee, former Governor, Arkansas; Jim White, Director, Tax Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### BOSNIA

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine Bosnia, focusing on obstacles to progress and recommendations for the international response, after receiving testimony from Clifford Bond, former U.S. Ambassador to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Department of State, and Nida Gelazis, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, both of Washington, D.C.; and Kurt Bassuener, Democratization Policy Council, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2011

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Education, 10 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine financial management and business transformation at the Department of Defense, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine defending United States economic interests in the changing arctic, focusing on if there is a strategy, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine improving highway and vehicle safety, focusing on reauthorization of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine chief executive officer (CEO) perspectives on how the tax code affects hiring, businesses and economic growth, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on emergency communications, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine fulfilling our treaty obligations and protecting Americans abroad, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Edgardo Ramos, of Connecticut, Andrew L. Carter, Jr., and Jesse M. Furman, all to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, James Rodney Gilstrap, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, and Jennifer Guerin Zipps, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the lifetime costs of supporting the newest generation of veterans, 10 a.m., SD-562.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of Title I and the SURE Program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, markup of the FY 2012 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing on the Way Ahead in Afghanistan, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on The Reserve Components as an Operational Force: Potential Legislative and Policy Changes, 1:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Force, hearing on sustaining nuclear deterrence after New START, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Education Reforms: Exploring Teacher Quality Initiatives." 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Power, markup of the following: discussion draft of the "Pipeline Infrastructure and Community Protection Act of 2011"; and H.R. 2054, the "Energy and Revenue Enrichment Act of 2011." 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Credit Rating Agencies Post Dodd-Frank." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "The Impact of the World Bank and Multi-Lateral Development Banks on National Security and U.S. Job Creation." 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Axis of Abuse: U.S. Human Rights Policy toward Iran and Syria, Part 1, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Al Shabaab: Recruitment and Radicalization within the Muslim American Community and the Threat to the Homeland." 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing entitled "Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee Responsibilities and Remuneration." 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Full Committee, begin markup of the following: H.R. 1981, the "Protecting Children From Internet Pornographers Act of 2011"; H.R. 1433, the "Private Property