

Senators Cornyn and Hutchison, and Jennifer Guerin Zipp, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, who was introduced by Senators McCain and Kyl, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

LIFETIME COSTS OF SUPPORTING THE NEWEST GENERATION OF VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the lifetime costs of supporting the newest generation of veterans, focusing on issues

related to real property realignment and future health care costs, after receiving testimony from Heidi L. W. Golding, Principal Analyst for Military and Veterans' Compensation, Congressional Budget Office; Lorelei St. James, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Paul Rieckhoff, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), Washington, DC; James Hosek, The RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California; and Crystal Nicely, Silver Spring, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 2663–2676; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 376 was introduced. **Pages H5660–61**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5661**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H. Res. 375, providing for consideration of the bill (S. 627) to establish the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–184). **Page H5660**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Marchant to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5583**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5590**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Rick Postell, Christian Renewal Church, Brunswick, Georgia. **Pages H5590–91**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Providing for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom: H.R. 440, amended, to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia. **Pages H5595–H5600**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:12 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. **Page H5600**

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 2584, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year

ending September 30, 2012. Consideration of the measure began on July 25th. **Pages H5600–59**

Agreed to:

Dicks amendment that was debated on July 26th that strikes the proviso relating to funding limitations for carrying out certain subsections of the Endangered Species Act (by a recorded vote of 224 ayes to 202 noes, Roll No. 652); **Page H5601**

Reed amendment (No. 44 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2011) that was debated on July 26th that increases funding, by offset, for State and Private Forestry by \$8,291,000 (by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 656);

Pages H5603–04

Scalise amendment, as modified, that was debated on July 26th that reduces funding for the Office of the Secretary, Departmental Operations by \$420,000 (by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 657); **Pages H5604–05**

LaTourette en bloc amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Environmental Programs and Management by \$13 million and increases funding for the Great Lakes Initiative by \$50 million (by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 660); and **Pages H5622–25, H5633–34**

Pompeo amendment (No. 39 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2011) that reduces funding for Environmental Programs and Management by \$6,246,000 and applies the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 191 noes, Roll No. 661).

Pages H5629–31, H5634

Rejected:

Clarke (MI) amendment that was debated on July 26th that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Environmental Programs and Management by \$10 million (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 251 noes, Roll No. 651); **Pages H5600–01**

Tonko amendment that was debated on July 26th that sought to increase funding, by offset, for National Recreation and Preservation by \$8,408,000 (by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 653); **Pages H5601–02**

Amash amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2011) that was debated on July 26th that sought to strike funding for the National Capital Performing Arts/Capital Concerts and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 131 ayes to 294 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 654); **Pages H5602–03**

Dold amendment that was debated on July 26th that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Environmental Programs and Management by \$24,700,000 (by a recorded vote of 137 ayes to 291 noes, Roll No. 655); **Page H5603**

Dicks amendment that sought to strike section 118; **Pages H5610–11**

Dicks amendment that sought to strike section 120; **Pages H5613–14**

Dicks amendment that sought to strike section 121; **Pages H5614–18**

Moran amendment that sought to strike section 124; **Pages H5618–22**

Fleming amendment that sought to reduce funding for Environmental Programs and Management by \$48,206,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H5628–29**

Dicks amendment that sought to strike section 116 (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 658); **Pages H5605–10, H5632**

Dicks amendment that sought to strike section 119 (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 659); **Pages H5611–13, H5633**

Richardson amendment (No. 23 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2011) that sought to increase funding for State and Tribal Assistance Grants by \$5 million (by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 662); **Pages H5631–32, H5634–36**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 18 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2011) that sought to reduce funding for State and Private Forestry by \$20,860,800 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; and **Page H5643**

Hanabusa amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for State and Private Forestry by \$50 million. **Pages H5643–44**

Point of Order sustained against:

Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) amendment that sought to insert “and fellowships” after “development” under Title II—Environmental Protection Agency, Science and Technology and **Pages H5625–28**

Bishop (NY) amendment that sought to increase funding for State and Tribal Assistance Grants by \$1,411,000,000. **Page H5641**

Proceedings Postponed:

Blackburn amendment that seeks to reduce funding for State and Tribal Assistance Grants by \$30 million and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H5636–37**

Richardson amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for State and Tribal Assistance Grants by \$5 million; **Pages H5637–41**

Lankford amendment that seeks to amend language relating to Clean Water State Revolving Fund capitalization grants and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund capitalization grants; **Pages H5641–43**

Gosar amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Fund by \$10 million; **Pages H5644–47**

Lankford amendment that seeks to eliminate funding for the Council on Environmental Quality and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H5647–50**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2011) that seeks to reduce funding for Smithsonian Institution, Salaries and Expenses by \$55,624,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; and **Pages H5650–51**

Walberg amendment that seeks to reduce funding for the National Endowment for the Arts by \$10,600,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account. **Pages H5652–53**

Pending:

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2011) that seeks to reduce funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities by \$13,500,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account. **Pages H5658–59**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5591.

Senate Referrals: S. 1406 and S. 846 were referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H5659**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Twelve recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5600–01, H5601, H5601–02, H5602–03, H5603, H5603–04, H5604–05, H5632, H5633, H5633–34, H5634, H5635. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINATION OF TITLE I AND THE SURE PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of Title I and the SURE Program. Testimony was heard from Bruce Nelson, Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a markup of the FY 2012 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill. The bill was forwarded without amendment.

THE WAY AHEAD IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on The Way Ahead in Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from Francis J. “Bing” West, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

RESERVE COMPONENTS AS AN OPERATIONAL FORCE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on The Reserve Components as an Operational Force: Potential Legislative and Policy Changes. Testimony was heard from Gen. Craig R. McKinley, USAF, Chief, National Guard Bureau; LTG Jack Stultz, USA, Chief, Army Reserve; VADM Dirk J. Debbink, USN, Chief of Naval Reserve; Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner, USAF, Chief, Air Force Reserve; Lt. Gen. Harry Wyatt, USAF, Director, Air National Guard; MG Raymond Carpenter, USA, Acting Director, Army National Guard; Maj. Gen. Darrell L. Moore, USMC, Director, Reserve Affairs Division, U.S. Marine Corps Reserves; and Rear Admiral David Callahan, USCG, Acting Director of Reserve and Leadership, U.S. Coast Guard Reserves.

SUSTAINING NUCLEAR DETERRENCE AFTER NEW START

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Force held a hearing on sustaining nuclear deterrence after New START. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXPLORING TEACHER QUALITY INITIATIVES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Education Reforms: Exploring Teacher Quality Initiatives.” Testimony

was heard from Kevin S. Huffman, Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Education; Tom Boasberg, Superintendent; Denver Public Schools; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a 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”. Both bills were forwarded, as amended.

OVERSIGHT OF THE CREDIT RATING AGENCIES POST DODD-FRANK

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Credit Rating Agencies Post Dodd-Frank.” Testimony was heard from John Ramsay, Deputy Director, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities Exchange Commission; Mark Van Der Weide, Senior Associate Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Federal Reserve Board; David Wilson, Senior Deputy Comptroller and Chief National Bank Examiner, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; and public witnesses.

IMPACT OF THE WORLD BANK AND MULTI-LATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS ON NATIONAL SECURITY AND U.S. JOB CREATION

Committee on Financial Services: 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.” Testimony was heard from James T. Kolbe, former Member of Congress, Senior Transatlantic Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States; James A. Harmon, Chairman, Caravel Management, LLC, Past-President and CEO, Export-Import Bank of the United States; Benjamin Leo, Research Fellow, Center for Global Development, former Treasury Department and National Security Council Official; and public witnesses.

U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY TOWARD IRAN AND SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Axis of Abuse: U.S. Human Rights Policy toward Iran and Syria, Part 1. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey D. Feltman, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and Michael H. Posner, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State.