

gross tons. Allows such vessels to transport passengers between ports in Puerto Rico—a non-contiguous jurisdiction of multiple islands (by a recorded vote of 322 ayes to 100 noes, Roll No. 840).

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Withdrawn:

Landry amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 112–267) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have clarified Coast Guard guidance regarding the ability of U.S. flagged offshore supply vessels to carry unlimited amounts of Grade D and Grade E cargo (combustible liquid) when said vessel is operating outside of U.S. waters, provided the vessel meets the safety requirements of the International Maritime Organization. Page H7605

H. Res. 455, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on November 4th.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7606–07, H7608–09 and H7609. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup of H.R. 1173, the “Fiscal Responsibility and Retirement Security Act of 2011.” The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 1221, the “Equity in Government Compensation Act of 2011.” The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a markup of the following: H.R. 2586, the “Swap Execution Facility Clarification Act”; H.R. 2779, to exempt inter-affiliate swaps from certain regulatory requirements put in place by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; H.R. 3045, the “Retirement Income Protection Act of 2011”; H.R. 1838, to repeal a provision of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act prohibiting any Federal bailout of swap dealers or participants; and H.R. 2308, the “SEC Regulatory Accountability Act.” The following were forwarded without amendment: H.R. 2586; H.R. 2779; and H.R. 3045. The following were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 1838; and H.R. 2308.

STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THE BALKANS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia held a hearing entitled “The State of Affairs in the Balkans.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO CHINA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Feeding the Dragon: Reevaluating U.S. Development Assistance to China.” Testimony was heard from Nisha Desai Biswal, Assistant Administrator for Asia, United States Agency for International Development.

TECHNOLOGY TO SECURE THE BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Protecting the Homeland: How can DHS use DOD Technology to Secure the Border?” Testimony was heard from Paul N. Stockton, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Americas’ Security Affairs, Office of Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; Mark Borkowski, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Technology Innovation and Acquisition, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Adam Cox, Deputy Director (Acting), Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency, Department of Homeland Security; and Michael Tangora, Deputy Assistant Commandant & Director of Acquisition Services, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a markup of the following: H.R. 2764, the “WMD Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2011”; and H.R. 3140, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to prioritize the assignment of officers and analysts to certain State and urban area fusion centers to enhance the security of mass transit systems. Both bills were ordered reported, without amendment.

CYBER SECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “Cyber Security: Protecting America’s New Frontier.” Testimony was heard from Richard Downing, Deputy Chief, Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

FOREIGN JUDGMENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing entitled “Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on “Forest Service Regulatory Roadblocks to Productive Land Use and Recreation: Proposed Planning Rule, Special-use Permits, and Travel Management.” Testimony was heard from Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Mike Dombeck; and public witnesses.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy held a hearing entitled “Back to the Basics: Is OPM Meeting its Mission?” Testimony was heard from John Berry, Director, Office of Personnel Management; Patrick E. McFarland, Inspector General, Office of Personnel Management; Pasquale “Pat” M. Tamburino, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Civilian Personnel Policy, Department of Defense; and Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Information Management and Human Capital Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

POLICY TOWARD IRAN

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations held a hearing entitled “Progress of the Obama Administration’s Policy Toward Iran.” Testimony was heard from Adam Szubin, Director, Office of Foreign Assets, Control, Department of the Treasury; Henry Wooster, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of State; Colin Kahl, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

JOB CREATION ON MAIN STREET

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs held a hearing entitled “How Roadblocks in Public Markets Prevent Job Creation on Main Street.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES; AND BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on providing for consideration of motions to suspend

the rules. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8 to 4, a resolution authorizing the Speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules through the legislative day of Friday, November 18, 2011, relating to H.J. Res. 2, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The rule extends debate on such a motion to five hours. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of such a motion to a time designated by the Speaker.

Testimony was heard from Rep. Goodlatte; and Rep. Nadler.

U.S. PLANETARY SCIENCE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled “Exploring Mars and Beyond: What’s Next for U.S. Planetary Science?” Testimony was heard from Jim Green, Planetary Science Division Director, Science Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and Steve Squyres, Chair, Committee on the Planetary Science Decadal Survey, National Academies of Science.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a markup of the “Natural Hazards Risk Reduction Act of 2011.” The Committee Print was forwarded without amendment.

POTENTIAL BUDGETARY SAVINGS WITHIN VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on Potential Budgetary Savings Within VA: Recommendations from Veterans’ Service Organizations. Testimony was heard from Todd Grams, Executive in Charge for the Office of Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; William Schoenhard, FACHE, Deputy Under Secretary for Health Operations and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Belinda J. Finn, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Sondra McCauley, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH INSURANCE TAX CREDIT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Small Business Health Insurance Tax Credit created by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Testimony was heard from J. Russell George, Inspector General,

Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; Sarah Hall Ingram, Commissioner of the Tax Exempt/Government Entities Division, Internal Revenue Service; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

On Monday, November 14, 2011, *Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2112, making consolidated appropriations for the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012.

BELARUS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Commission concluded a hearing to examine Belarus, focusing on the ongoing crackdown and forces for change, including the extent and impact of the crackdown on the lives of its victims and on the larger society, and what more can be done by the United States and European partners to promote democratic change in Belarus, after receiving testimony from Rodger Potocki, National Endowment for Democracy, and Susan Corke, Freedom House, both of Washington, DC; and Ales Mikhalevich, Minsk, Belarus.

SECTARIAN VIOLENCE AND DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION IN EGYPT

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the Arab Spring and Coptic Winter, focusing on sectarian violence and democratic transition in Egypt, after receiving testimony from Michael H. Posner, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; and Dina Guirguis, Egyptian American Rule of Law Association, Samuel Tadros, Hudson Institute Center for Religious Freedom, and Michele Dunne, Atlantic Council Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East, all of Washington, DC.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine a progress report on manage-

ment and structural reforms at the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine improving regulatory performance, focusing on lessons from the United Kingdom, 2:30 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the need for continued innovation in forecasting and prediction, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine contractors, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kathryn Keneally, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Brian C. Wimes, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on United States Marine Corps Acquisition and Modernization, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "Education Research: Identifying Effective Programs to Support Students and Teachers." 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, markup of the following: H.R. 3309, the "Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2011"; and H.R. 3310, the "Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2011." 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit; and the Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, joint hearing on H.R. 1697, the "Communities First Act." 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Insurance Oversight and Legislative Proposals." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Righting the Enduring Wrongs of the Holocaust: Insurance Accountability and Rail Justice." 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3261, the "Stop Online Piracy Act." 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Future of U.S. Oil and Natural Gas Development on Federal Lands and Waters." 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Pay for Performance: Should Fannie and Freddie Executives Be Receiving Millions in Bonuses?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform, hearing entitled "On the Frontlines in the Acquisition