

and Barbara Trehearne, Group Health Cooperative, both of Seattle, Washington; Sandy Harmsen, San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board, San Bernardino, California; James Watson, CMTC, Torrance, California; David Hunn, Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board, Vienna; Gerry Hofler, Northern Virginia Community College, Springfield; and Pat Schramm, Workforce Development Board of South Central Wisconsin, and Bettsey Barhorst, Madison College, both of Madison, Wisconsin.

ENERGY DEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine energy development in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Tracey A. LeBeau, Director, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, Department of Energy; Jodi Gillette, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, and Mike S. Black, Director, Bureau of Indian

Affairs, both of the Department of the Interior; Michelle Kauhane, Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Deputy Director, Kapolei; Rodney M. Bordeaux, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Rosebud, South Dakota; Levi Pesata, Jicarilla Apache Nation, Dulce, New Mexico; Thomas Anketell, Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation, Poplar, Montana; and Rex Lee Jim, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John Z. Lee, and John J. Tharp, Jr., both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, George Levi Russell, III, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, and Kristine Gerhard Baker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 4048–4070; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 103; H. Con. Res. 102–102; and H. Res. 552–553, 555 were introduced. **Pages H900–02**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H903**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 3630, to provide incentives for the creation of jobs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–399) and

H. Res. 554, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3630) to provide incentives for the creation of jobs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–400).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H805**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H815**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H815, H886**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:37 p.m. and reconvened at 3:16 p.m. **Pages H819–20**

Protecting Investment in Oil Shale the Next Generation of Environmental, Energy, and Re-

source Security Act: The House passed H.R. 3408, to set clear rules for the development of United States oil shale resources and to promote shale technology research and development, by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 71. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, February 15th.

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Rejected the Castor (FL) 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 176 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 70. **Pages H884–85**

Agreed to:

Scalise amendment (No. 20 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–398) that dedicates Clean Water Act penalties associated with the Deepwater Horizon disaster to the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund;

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Hastings (WA) amendment (No. 16 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–398) that streamlines the NEPA process to allow for expedited development of renewable energy projects on Federal lands and waters (by a recorded vote of 250 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 66); and **Pages H823–25, H881–82**

Labrador amendment (No. 19 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–398) that minimizes NEPA requirements for a geothermal exploration test project so a project can quickly move forward if resources are found (by a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 69). **Pages H828–30, H883–84**

Rejected:

Thompson (CA) amendment (No. 13 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–398) that sought to clarify that the legislation does not allow for oil and gas drilling on the northern coast of California (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 253 noes, Roll No. 64);

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Hanabusa amendment (No. 15 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–398) that sought to require that offshore oil and gas leases contain specific safety requirements (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 65);

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Markey amendment (No. 17 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–398) that sought to expand on the oil export ban already included in the Arctic drilling subtitle (Sec. 17706) to prohibit export of any natural gas produced pursuant to a lease issued under Title XVII of this Act (by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 67); and

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Markey amendment (No. 18 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–398) that sought to require companies holding defective leases which allow them to drill on public lands off-shore without paying a royalty to renegotiate those leases prior to bidding on new leases issued pursuant to Title XVII of this Act (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 68).

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Withdrawn:

Holt amendment (No. 14 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–398) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have affirmed that nothing in the underlying bill will affect funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

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H. Res. 547, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, February 15th.

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Speier, wherein she resigned from the Committee on Homeland Security.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Tonko, wherein he resigned from the Committee on the Budget.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 553, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H819.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H880–81, H881, H882, H882–83, H883, H884, H885–86, H886. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on FY 2013 budget request for the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from Leon Panetta, Secretary, Department of Defense; General Martin Dempsey, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Robert Hale, Undersecretary of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Quality of Life in the Military. Testimony was heard from James A. Roy, Chief Master Sergeant, Air Force; Raymond F. Chandler III, Sergeant Major, Army; Michael P. Barrett, Sergeant Major, Marine Corp; and Rick West, Master Chief Petty Officer, Navy.

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 budget request for the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Interior officials: Ken Salazar, Secretary; David Hayes, Deputy Secretary; and Pamela Haze, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget, Finance, Performance and Acquisition.

GOVERNANCE, OVERSIGHT, AND MANAGEMENT OF NUCLEAR SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on governance, oversight, and management of the nuclear security enterprise to ensure high quality science, engineering, and mission effectiveness in an age of austerity. Testimony was heard from Charles Shank, Co-Chair, National Academies Panel on Managing for High Quality Science and Engineering, NNSA National Security Laboratories; Charles B. Curtis, National Academies Panel on Managing for High Quality Science and Engineering at NNSA National Security Laboratories; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on FY 2013 National Defense Authorization