

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);

Pages H820–21, H880–81

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);

Pages H822–23, H881

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

Pages H825–26, H882–83

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).

Pages H826–28, H883

Withdrawn:

Holt amendment (No. 14 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–398) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have affirmed that nothing in the underlying bill will affect funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Pages H821–22

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

Budget Request from the Department of the Navy. Testimony was heard from Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy; Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations; and General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2013 REVENUE AND ECONOMIC POLICY PROPOSALS

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The President's Fiscal Year 2013 Revenue and Economic Policy Proposals". Testimony was heard from Timothy Geithner, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing on the following: H.R. 3989, the "Student Success Act" and H.R. 3990, the "Encouraging Innovation and Effective Teachers Act". Testimony was heard from Tom Luna, Superintendent, Public Instruction, Idaho Department of Education; Bob Schaffer, Chairman, Colorado State Board of Education; Felicia Kazmier, Art Teacher, Otero Elementary School; and public witnesses.

SPENDING OF FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled "The Budget and Spending of Federal Communications Commission". Testimony was heard from Julius Genachowski, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; David H. Hunt, Inspector General, Federal Communications Commission; and public witnesses.

REGULATORY REFORM SERIES #8—PRIVATE SECTOR VIEWS AFTER ONE YEAR OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 13563

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a hearing entitled "Regulatory Reform Series #8, Private Sector Views of the Regulatory Climate One Year After Executive Order 13563". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 3606, the "Reopening American Capital Markets to Emerging Growth Companies Act of 2011"; H.R. 2308, the "SEC Regulatory Accountability Act"; 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. 4014, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to information provided to the Bu-

reau of Consumer Financial Protection. H.R. 4014 was ordered reported without amendment. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1838, H.R. 2308, and H.R. 3606.

EGYPT AT A CROSSROAD

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Egypt at a Crossroads". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CUBA

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights; and Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a joint hearing entitled "Further Human Rights Violations in Castro's Cuba: The Continued Abuse of Political Prisoners". Testimony was heard from Representative Burton of Indiana; and public witnesses.

DHS MONITORING OF SOCIAL NETWORKING AND MEDIA

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled "DHS Monitoring of Social Networking and Media: Enhancing Intelligence Gathering and Ensuring Privacy". Testimony was heard from Mary Ellen Callahan, Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and Richard Chávez, Director, Office of Operations Coordination and Planning, Department of Homeland Security.

SCREENING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled "Screening Partnership Program: Why is a Job-Creating, Public-Private Partnership Meeting Resistance at TSA?". Testimony was heard from John S. Pistole, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL AIR MARSHAL SERVICE 10 YEARS AFTER 9/11

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled "Last Line of Defense: the Federal Air Marshal Service 10 Years After 9/11". Testimony was heard from Robert S. Bray, Assistant Administrator for Law Enforcement, Director, Federal Air Marshal Service, Transportation Security Administration; Michael Novak, Assistant Administrator, Training and Workforce Engagement, Transportation Security Administration; Roderick J. Allison, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Law Enforcement, Deputy Director, Federal Air Marshal Service, Transportation Security Administration; and Charles K. Edwards, Acting Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

OFFICE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Department of Justice and Office on Violence Against Women”. Testimony was heard from Susan Carbon, Director, Office of Violence Against Women, Department of Justice.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 3541, the “Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act of 2011”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 1837, the “San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act”; and H.R. 4019, the “Federal Forest County Revenue, Schools, and Jobs Act of 2012”. Both bills were ordered reported, as amended.

LINES CROSSED: SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Lines Crossed: Separation of Church and State. Has the Obama Administration Trampled on Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Conscience?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF AND JOB CREATION ACT OF 2012

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3630, the “Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. Debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII. Testimony was heard from Representative Brady of Texas; and Representative Levin.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “Examining the Role of Government Assistance for Disaster Victims: A Review of H.R. 3042”. Testimony was heard from Doug Hoell, North Carolina Division of Emergency Management; and public witnesses.

BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on FY 2013 budget request for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Diana Rubens, Deputy Under Secretary for Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Steven Muro, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Max Cleland, Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission; and Bruce E. Kasold Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities.

Joint Meetings**MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF AND JOB CREATION ACT**

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3630, to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 17, 2012**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 budget request Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., B308-Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 budget request Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on FY 2013 budget request Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on FY 2013 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Army, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing entitled “Litigation as a Predatory Practice”, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 785, to amend