

Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (H. Rept. 112–417). **Page H1426**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Tipton to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1393**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:44 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1398**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Andrew Walton, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC. **Page H1398**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Washington, Mr. Inslee, the whole number of the House is 432. **Page H1398**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Excess Federal Building and Property Disposal Act: H.R. 665, amended, to establish a pilot program for the expedited disposal of Federal real property, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 403 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 114. **Pages H1401–05, H1410–11**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:34 p.m. and reconvened at 1:47 p.m. **Page H1405**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Sarbanes, wherein he resigned from the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology and Natural Resources. **Page H1411**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Fudge, wherein she resigned from the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. **Page H1411**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 590, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H1411**

Removing restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia: The House passed H.R. 2087, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia, by a recorded vote of 240 yeas to 164 noes, Roll No. 117. **Pages H1405–10, H1411–20**

Rejected the Loretta Sanchez motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 180 yeas to 226 noes, Roll No. 116. **Pages H1418–19**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H1415**

Rejected:

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2012) that sought to require independent valuation of the land prior to any restrictions being removed. The amendment requires valuations of the land for the years 1776, 1865, 2013, 2017, 2032, and 2212 and

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Grijalva amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2012) that sought to require Accomack County, VA, to pay fair market value for the land and to require an appraisal of the land prior to sale (by a recorded vote of 178 yeas to 226 noes, Roll No. 115). **Pages H1415–16, H1417**

H. Res. 587, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 232 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 113, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 587 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a yeas-and-nays vote of 227 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 112.

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Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House to the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: Representatives Boehner, Cantor, and Pelosi. **Page H1420**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1407–08, H1410, H1410–11, H1417, H1418–19, H1419. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Smithsonian Institution. Testimony was heard from Wayne Clough, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request Department of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from the following department

officials: Michael Scuse, Acting Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Bruce Nelson, Administrator, Farm Service Agency; Suzanne E. Heinen, Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Services; William Murphy, Administrator, Risk Management Agency; and Michael Young, Budget Officer.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Department of Commerce. Testimony was heard from John Bryson, Secretary, Department of Commerce.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for National Archives. Testimony was heard from David S. Ferriero, Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for U.S. Mission to the United Nations. Testimony was heard from Susan Rice, Ambassador, U.S. Mission to the United Nations.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the National Institutes of Health. Testimony was heard from Francis S. Collins, Director of National Institutes of Health; Thomas R. Insel, Director, National Institute of Mental Health, Acting Director, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for National Park Service. Testimony was heard from Jon Jarvis, Director, National Park Service; Bruce Sheaffer, Comptroller, National Park Service; and Peggy O'Dell, Deputy Director, National Park Service.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held

a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Department of Energy, Office of Science. Testimony was heard from Bill Brinkman, Under Secretary for Science (Acting), Office of Science.

APPROPRIATIONS—OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Office of Management and Budget. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Zients, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Testimony was heard from Jane Lubchenco, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Administrator.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on the recent developments in Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from General John Allen, USMC, Commander, International Security Assistance Force; and James N. Miller, Jr., Acting Under Secretary of Defense and Principal Under Secretary of Defense Policy.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND CYBER OPERATIONS PROGRAM FY 2013 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request for Information Technology and Cyber Operations Programs. Testimony was heard from Teresa Takai, Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense; General Keith Alexander, USA, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, Department of Defense; and Madelyn Creedon, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Strategic Affairs, Department of Defense.

NAVY, MARINE CORPS AND AIR FORCE TACTICAL AVIATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Force held a hearing on Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force tactical aviation programs. Testimony was heard from Frank Kendall, Acting Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Office of the Secretary of

Defense; David M. Van Buren, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Air Force; Vice Admiral David Venlet, USN, Program Executive Officer for the F-35 Lightning II Program, Department of Defense; Michael J. Sullivan, Director of Acquisition and Sourcing, Government Accountability Office; Vice Admiral W. Mark Skinner, USN, Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development, and Acquisition; Lieutenant General Terry G. Robling, USMC, Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps for Aviation; Rear Admiral Kenneth E. Floyd, USN, Director of the Air Warfare Division, U.S. Navy; Lieutenant General Herbert J. Carlisle, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Air Force; and Major General John Posner, USAF, Director of Global Power Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition.

ENSURING REGULATIONS PROTECTION ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE AND QUALITY COMPANION CARE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Ensuring Regulations Protect Access to Affordable and Quality Companion Care”. Testimony was heard from Nancy J. Leppink, Deputy Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

AMERICAN ENERGY INITIATIVE: CANADIAN OIL SANDS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “The American Energy Initiative: A Focus on the Future of Energy Technology with an Emphasis on Canadian Oil Sands”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Hearing to Receive the Annual Testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the International Financial System”. Testimony was heard from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AMIDST ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2013 Budget: A Review of U.S. Foreign Assistance Amidst Economic Uncertainty”. Testimony was heard from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, Agency for International Development.

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled “Ensuring the Transparency, Efficiency, and Effectiveness of Homeland Security Grants”. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Harman, Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Corey Gruber, Assistant Administrator, National Preparedness Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Anne Richards, Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; and William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 3534, the “Security in Bonding Act of 2011”; and H.R. 4078, the “Regulatory Freeze for Jobs Act of 2012”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 3534, and H.R. 4078. The Committee began a markup of H.R. 3862, the “Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2012”.

EFFECTS OF THE PRESIDENT’S FY 2013 BUDGET AND PROPOSALS FOR BLM, FOREST SERVICE’S ENERGY AND MINERALS PROGRAMS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Effects of the President’s FY 2013 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service’s Energy and Minerals Programs on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy and Minerals Production and Deficit Reduction”. Testimony was heard from Bob Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management; Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service; Mike McKee, County Commissioner, Uintah County, Utah; and public witness.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on the following: H.R. 4027, to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled “An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes”; and H.R. 4194, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Alexander

Creek, Alaska, is and shall be recognized as an eligible Native village under that Act, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Tim Spisak, Deputy Assistant Director, Minerals and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

PROPOSED DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER MEMORIAL

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forest and Public Lands held a hearing entitled “Proposed Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial”. Testimony was heard from Representative Boswell; Susan Eisenhower, representing the Eisenhower Family; Stephen E. Whitesell, Regional Director, National Capital Region, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; William J. Guerin, Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Construction Programs, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; Brig. Gen. Carl W. Reddel, USAF (Ret.), Executive Director, Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission; Bruce Cole, former Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, and public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2013 SPENDING PRIORITIES AND THE MISSIONS OF THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY’S WATER RESOURCES PROGRAM AND THE FOUR POWER MARKETING ADMINISTRATIONS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing entitled “Examining the Proposed Fiscal Year 2013 Spending Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Geological Survey’s Water Resources program and the Four Power Marketing Administrations”. Testimony was heard from Michael L. Connor, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; Stephen Wright, Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration; Timothy Meeks, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration; James McDonald, Acting Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration; Kenneth Legg, Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration; and Bill Werkheiser, Associate Director for Water, Geological Survey.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY’S STIMULUS SPENDING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Department of Energy’s Stimulus Spending”. Testimony was heard from Steven Chu, Secretary, Department of Energy.

HELP EFFICIENT, ACCESSIBLE, LOW-COST, TIMELY HEALTHCARE (HEALTH) ACT OF 2011

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5, the “Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2011”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 7 to 4, a structured rule providing six hours of general debate equally divided among and controlled by the respective chairs and ranking minority members of the Committees on Energy and Commerce, the Judiciary, and Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–18 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as original text for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Franks, AZ; Nadler; Jackson Lee, TX; Waters; Johnson, GA; Deutch; Gingrey, GA; Broun, GA; Gosar; and Wasserman Schultz.

OFFICE OF COMMERCIAL SPACE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET FOR FY 2013

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled “An Overview of the Office of Commercial Space Transportation Budget for Fiscal Year 2013”. Testimony was heard from George Nield, Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration; Wilbur C. Trafton (USN Ret.), Chairman, Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee.

NO-COST IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on no-cost improvements to the child support enforcement (CSE) program. Testimony was heard from Marilyn Stephen, Director, Office of Child Support, Michigan

Department of Human Services; Craig Burlingame, Chief Information Officer, Trial Court Information Services, Massachusetts Court System; and public witnesses.

HOW DISABILITY IS DECIDED

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on how disability is decided. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner, Social Security Administration; Trudy Lyon-Hart, Director, Office of Disability Determination Services, Vermont Agency of Human Services, on behalf of the National Council of Disability Determination Directors; Lisa D. Ekman, Senior Policy Advisor, Health and Disability Advocates on behalf of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Social Security Task Force; Dan Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Leighton Chan, Chief, Rehabilitation Medicine Department, National Institutes of Health.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine balancing prosperity and security, focusing on challenges for United States air travel in a 21st century global economy, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Army, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government, to hold hearings to examine strengthening market oversight and integrity, focusing on fiscal year 2013 resource needs of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine military construction, environmental, and base closure programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine military space programs in review of the Defense

Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Georgia, Kenneth Merten, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, Mark A. Pekala, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, and Jeffrey D. Levine, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine retooling government for the 21st century, focusing on the President's reorganization plan and reducing duplication, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Homeland Security, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine convicting the guilty and exonerating the innocent, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine Verizon and cable deals, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentations of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), Non Commissioned Officers Association, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Vietnam Veterans of America, Wounded Warrior Project, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, and The Retired Enlisted Association, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing entitled "To Identify Duplicative Federal Rural Development Programs", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Projects, hearing on the FY 2013 Budget for Department of State, Near Eastern Affairs, 8:30 a.m., HVC-301. This is a closed hearing.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Veterans Employment and Training Programs, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

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

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the U.S. Central Command and the International Security Assistance Force, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This is a closed hearing.