

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 71 public bills, H.R. 4400–4470; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 117; and H. Res. 623–629 were introduced. **Pages H2029–31**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2033–34**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1335, to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–449);

H.R. 2240, to authorize the exchange of land or interest in land between Lowell National Historical Park and the city of Lowell in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–450);

H.R. 2362, to facilitate economic development by Indian tribes and encourage investment by Turkish enterprises (H. Rept. 112–451); and

H.R. 3452, to provide for the sale of approximately 30 acres of Federal land in Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Salt Lake County, Utah, to permit the establishment of a minimally invasive transportation alternative for skiers, called “SkiLink”, to connect two ski resorts in the Wasatch Mountains, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–452). **Page H2029**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller (MI) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1979**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Gerald Baker, St. Ann Catholic Church, Morganfield, Kentucky. **Page H1979**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 290 yeas to 118 nays with 3 answering “present”, Roll No. 174. **Pages H1979, H1989–90**

Small Business Tax Cut Act: The House passed H.R. 9, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction for domestic business income of qualified small businesses, by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 173 nays with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 177. **Pages H1981–89, H1990–S2010**

Rejected the Deutch motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 179 yeas to 229 noes, Roll No. 176. **Pages H2008–10**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee

on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Pages H1981, H1990**

Rejected:

Levin amendment in the nature of a substitute (printed in H. Rept. 112–447) that replaces the deduction in the underlying bill with a deduction for small businesses for the amounts they spend on capital investments in 2012 (by a yea-and-nay vote of 175 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 175). **Pages H2003–08**

H. Res. 620, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 234 yeas to 178 noes, Roll No. 173, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 172. **Pages H1981–89**

Agreed to the Sessions amendment to the rule by voice vote. **Page H1981**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the 2012 National Drug Control Strategy—referred to the Committees on Armed Services, Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, Oversight and Government Reform, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans’ Affairs, and Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–98). **Pages H2027–28**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1988, H1989, H1989–90, H2007–08, H2009–10, H2010. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a markup of Appropriations Bill FY 2013. The bill was forwarded without amendment.

SECURITY SITUATION IN THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on Recent Developments in the Middle East: The Security Situation in the Syrian Arab Republic. Testimony was heard from Leon E. Panetta, Secretary of Defense; and General Martin Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing on H.R. 4345, the “Domestic Fuels Protection Act of 2012”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CAN AMERICAN MANUFACTURING THRIVE AGAIN?

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Where the Jobs Are: Can American Manufacturing Thrive Again?”. Testimony was heard from John Bryson, Secretary, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL RESEARCH

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Budget Hearing—the Office of Financial Research”. Testimony was heard from Michelle Shannon, Chief Operating Officer, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury.

DHS AND DOE NATIONAL LABS: FINDING EFFICIENCIES AND OPTIMIZING OUTPUTS IN HOMELAND SECURITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled “The DHS and DOE National Labs: Finding Efficiencies and Optimizing Outputs in Homeland Security Research and Development”. Testimony was heard from Daniel M. Gerstein, Deputy Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security; Huban Gowadia, Deputy Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Department of Homeland Security; Daniel Morgan, Specialist in Science and Technology Policy Resources, Sciences and Industry Division, Congressional Research Service; Jill Hruby, Vice President, International, Homeland and Nuclear Security, Sandia National Laboratories; and Michael Robert Carter, Senior Scientist, National Ignition Facility and Photon Science Directorate, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

PROSECUTION OF FORMER SENATOR TED STEVENS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “The Prosecution of Former Senator Ted Stevens”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held

a hearing on H.R. 4043, the “Military Readiness and Southern Sea Otter Conservation Act”. Testimony was heard from Donald Schregardus, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy; Alexandra Pitts, Deputy Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, Fish and Wildlife Service; and public witnesses.

HYDRAULIC FRACTURING IMPACT ON INDIAN TRIBAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing entitled “Bureau of Land Management’s Hydraulic Fracturing Rule’s Impact on Indian Tribal Energy Development”. Testimony was heard from Tim Spisak, Deputy Assistant Director Minerals and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management; and public witnesses.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE: CLOSING THE TAX GAP AND PREVENTING IDENTITY THEFT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management held a hearing entitled “Problems at the Internal Revenue Service: Closing the Tax Gap and Preventing Identity Theft”. Testimony was heard from Steven Miller, Deputy Commissioner of Service and Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service; Nina Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, Internal Revenue Service; J. Russell George, Inspector General, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; and James White, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office.

IMPACT OF TAX POLICIES ON THE COMMERCIAL APPLICATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight; and Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a joint hearing entitled “Impact of Tax Policies on the Commercial Application of Renewable Energy and Technology”. Testimony was heard from Molly F. Sherlock, Specialist in Public Finance, Congressional Research Service; John Parcell, Acting Deputy Tax Legislative Counsel, Department of the Treasury; Michael Pacheco, Vice President, Deployment and Market Transformation, National Renewable Energy Laboratory; and public witnesses.

EQUITY FINANCE: CATALYST FOR SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “Equity Finance: Catalyst for Small Business Growth”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO BETTER TARGET
BENEFITS AND ELIMINATE WASTE,
FRAUD, AND ABUSE**

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Use of Technology to Better Target Benefits and Eliminate Waste, Fraud, and Abuse”. Testimony was heard from Donna Roy, Executive Director, National Information Exchange Model (NIEM), Department of Homeland Security; George Sheldon, Acting Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Robert Doar, Commissioner, Human Resources Administration; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
APRIL 20, 2012**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.