

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, May 10th.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a markup of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill FY 2013. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

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Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a markup of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill FY 2013. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee began a markup of H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes.

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Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began a markup of H.R. 5651, the "Food and Drug Administration Reform Act of 2012".

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE; AND HYDROPOWER REGULATORY EFFICIENCY ACT OF 2012

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 4273, the "Resolving Environmental and Grid Reliability Conflicts Act of 2012"; and discussion draft of the "Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2012". Testimony was heard from Patricia Hoffman, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy; Gina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Phillip D. Moeller, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Jeffrey C. Wright, Director, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Betty Ann Kane, Chairman, D.C. Public Service Commission; and public witnesses.

BUDGET AND SPENDING CONCERNS AT HHS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a hearing entitled "Budget and Spending Concerns at HHS". Testimony was heard from Norris Cochran, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Budget, Department of

Health and Human Services; Carolyn L. Yocom, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and James C. Cosgrove, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office.

RISING REGULATORY COMPLIANCE COSTS AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE HEALTH OF SMALL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "Rising Regulatory Compliance Costs and Their Impact on the Health of Small Financial Institutions". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION'S REVERSE MORTGAGE PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Housing Administration's Reverse Mortgage Program for Seniors". Testimony was heard from Charles Coulter, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Single Family Programs, Office of Housing, Federal Housing Administration; and public witnesses.

ASSESSING U.S. FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES AND NEEDS AMIDST ECONOMIC CHALLENGES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing entitled "Assessing U.S. Foreign Policy Priorities and Needs Amidst Economic Challenges in the Middle East". Testimony was heard from Jeffrey D. Feltman, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; Mara Rudman, Assistant Administrator for the Middle East Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Mark Ward, Deputy Special Coordinator for Middle East Transitions, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 3857, the "Public Transit Security and Local Law Enforcement Support Act"; H.R. 4005, the "Gauging American Port Security Act"; H.R. 3173, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to reform the process for the enrollment, activation, issuance, and renewal of a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) to require, in total, not more than one in-person visit to a designated enrollment center; and H.R. 2356, the "WMD Prevention and Preparedness Act of 2011".

The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 3857; H.R. 4005; H.R. 3173; and H.R. 2356.

FIRST RESPONDER TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications; and Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technology held a joint hearing entitled “First Responder Technologies: Ensuring a Prioritized Approach for Homeland Security Research and Development”. Testimony was heard from Robert Griffin, Director of First Responder Programs, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Mary H. Saunders, Director, Standards Coordination Office, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Edward Kilduff, Chief of Department, New York City Fire Department; Annette Doyin, Director, Office of Emergency Management, Pasco County, Florida; and public witness.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Testimony was heard from Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

PRESIDENT OBAMA’S OFFSHORE DRILLING PLAN

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Evaluating President Obama’s Offshore Drilling Plan and Impacts on Our Future”. Testimony was heard from Tommy Beaudreau, Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

TSA OVERSIGHT PART IV: IS TSA EFFECTIVELY PROCURING, DEPLOYING, AND STORING AVIATION SECURITY EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY?

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; and Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a joint hearing entitled “TSA Oversight Part IV: Is TSA Effectively Procuring, Deploying, and Storing Aviation Security Equipment and Technology?” Testimony was heard from David R. Nicholson, Assistant Administrator for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer, Transportation Security Administration; Charles K. Edwards, Acting Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; and Stephen M. Lord, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

SEQUESTER REPLACEMENT RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2012

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5652, the “Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act of 2012”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8 to 3, a closed rule providing two

hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. 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 112–21 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ryan (WI) and Van Hollen.

ENSURING THE BEST STEWARDSHIP OF AMERICAN TAXPAYER DOLLARS AT THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing entitled “Ensuring the Best Stewardship of American Taxpayer Dollars at the National Science Foundation”. Testimony was heard from Allison C. Lerner, Inspector General, National Science Foundation.

EFFECTS OF HIGH GASOLINE PRICES ON SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Running on Empty: The Effects of High Gasoline Prices on Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEDICARE DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Medicare Durable Medical Equipment Competitive Bidding Program”. Testimony was heard from Laurence Wilson, Director of the Chronic Care Policy Group, Center for Medicare, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Kathleen King, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY’S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled “The State of Social Security’s Information Technology”. Testimony was heard from G. Kelly Croft, Deputy Commissioner of Systems and Chief Information Officer, Social Security Administration, Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Information Management and Technology Resources Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to receive a closed briefing on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Pacific Command Programs, 10:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine current readiness of U.S. forces in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Patricia K. Falcone, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, Marietta S. Robinson, of Michigan, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and William P. Doyle, of Pennsylvania, and Richard A. Lidinsky, Jr., of Maryland, both to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 2374, to amend the Helium Act to ensure the expedient and responsible draw-down of the Federal Helium Reserve in a manner that protects the interests of private industry, the scientific, medical, and industrial communities, commercial users, and Federal agencies, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine Medicare physician payments, focusing on understanding the past so we can envision the future, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), focusing on Chicago and beyond, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine helping the middle class balance work and family, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2276, to permit Federal officers to remove cases involving crimes of violence to Federal court, S. 2554, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2017, and the nominations of David Medine, of Maryland, to be Chairman, James Xavier Dempsey, of California, Elisebeth Collins Cook, of Illinois, Rachel L. Brand, of Iowa, and Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, all to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, and Credit, hearing entitled "Formulation of the 2012 Farm Bill: Credit Programs", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee, continued markup of H.R. 5651, the "Food and Drug Administration Reform Act of 2012", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "The Costs and Consequences of Dodd-Frank Section 1502: Impacts on America and the Congo", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 4369, the "Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act of 2012", 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee, hearing entitled "Where Are All the Watchdogs? Addressing Inspector General Vacancies", 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing entitled "Supporting American Jobs and the Economy through Expanded Energy Production: Challenges and Opportunities of Unconventional Resources Technology", 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.