

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 41 public bills, H.R. 5740–5780; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 124; and H. Res. 657–658 were introduced. **Pages H2712–14**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2715**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 4970, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–480, Pt. 1);

Supplemental report on 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 (H. Rept. 112–479, Pt. 2); and

H. Res. 656, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4970) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and providing for consideration of the bill (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 (H. Rept. 112–481). **Page H2712**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bishop (UT) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2665**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2665**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:14 p.m. and reconvened at 4:06 p.m. **Page H2667**

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

Mobile Workforce State Income Tax Simplification Act: H.R. 1864, amended, to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States; **Pages H2667–69**

National Blue Alert Act of 2012: H.R. 365, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 394 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 250; **Pages H2673–76, H2693–94**

Security in Bonding Act: H.R. 3534, amended, to amend title 31, United States Code, to revise requirements related to assets pledged by a surety; **Pages H2676–78**

Black Hills Cemetery Act: H.R. 3874, amended, to provide for the conveyance of eight cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 251; **Pages H2681–82, H2694**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To provide for the conveyance of certain cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota.” **Page H2695**

HEARTH Act: H.R. 205, amended, to amend the Act titled “An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases”, approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 252; and **Pages H2682–85, H2695**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Act titled ‘An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases’, approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior, and for other purposes.” **Page H2695**

Ambassador James R. Lilley and Congressman Stephen J. Solarz North Korea Human Rights Reauthorization Act of 2012: H.R. 4240, amended, to reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004; and **Pages H2685–87**

Modifying the Department of Defense Program Guidance relating to the award of Post-Deployment/Mobilization Respite Absence administrative absence days to members of the reserve components: H.R. 4045, amended, to modify the Department of Defense Program Guidance relating to the award of Post-Deployment/Mobilization Respite Absence administrative absence days to members of the reserve components to exempt any member whose qualified mobilization commenced before October 1, 2011, and continued on or after that date, from the changes to the program guidance that took effect on that date. **Pages H2695–98**

Recess: The House recessed at 6:21 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H2693**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Border Tunnel Prevention Act of 2012: H.R. 4119, amended, to reduce the trafficking of drugs and to prevent human smuggling across the Southwest Border by deterring the construction and use of border tunnels; **Pages H2669–73**

Chimney Rock National Monument Establishment Act: H.R. 2621, amended, to establish the Chimney Rock National Monument in the State of Colorado; **Pages H2678–80**

Amending the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986 to facilitate implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan: H.R. 2745, amended, to amend the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986 to facilitate implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River in Clark County, Nevada; and **Pages H2680–81**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of preventing the Government of Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapons capability: H. Res. 568, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of preventing the Government of Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapons capability. **Pages H2687–93**

Supplemental Report: Agreed that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to file a supplemental report on 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. **Page H2693**

Commission on International Religious Freedom—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following member on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term ending May 14, 2014: Mr. Elliot Abrams of Virginia. **Page H2698**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on page H2693.

Senate Referral: S. 418 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2693–94, H2694, H2695. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Committee Meeting

CHEN GUANGCHENG: HIS CASE, CAUSE, FAMILY, AND THOSE WHO ARE HELPING HIM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled “Chen Guangcheng: His Case, Cause, Family, and Those Who are Helping Him”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2012; NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 7 to 2, a closed rule for H.R. 4970, Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2012. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, as modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The resolution further provides for a general debate rule for H.R. 4310, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Finally, the rule provides that no further consideration of the bill shall occur except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. Testimony on H.R. 4310 was heard from Chairman McKeon and Representative Smith of Washington. Testimony on H.R. 4970 was heard from Representative Gowdy, LoBiondo, Griffith of Virginia, Biggert, Scott of Virginia, Zoe Lofgren of California, Jackson Lee of Texas, Visclosky, Schakowsky, and Moore.

Joint Meetings

POLITICAL PRISONERS IN CENTRAL ASIA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Commission received a briefing on political prisoners in Central Asia, focusing on Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Kazakhstan from Cathy Cosman, United States Commission on International

Religious Freedom, Washington, D.C.; Sanjar Umarov, Sunshine Coalition, Memphis, Tennessee; and Muzaffar Suleymanov, Committee to Protect Journalists, New York, New York.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

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

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Children's Health and Environmental Responsibility, to hold hearings to examine growing long-term value, focusing on corporate environmental responsibility and innovation, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Peter William Bodde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Piper Anne Wind Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, and Dorothea-Maria Rosen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine identifying opportunities for health care delivery system reform, focusing on lessons from the front line, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1910, to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees, S. 1515, to permit certain members of the United States Secret Service and certain members of the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division who were appointed in 1984, 1985, or 1986 to elect to be covered under the District of Columbia Police and Firefighter Retirement and Disability System in the same manner as members appointed prior to 1984, S. 2218, to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, S. 1100, to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit inserting politics into the Federal acquisition process by prohibiting the submission of political contribution information as a condition of receiving a Federal contract, H.R. 2415, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Dock Street in Pittston, Pennsylvania, as the "Trooper Joshua D. Miller Post Office Building", H.R. 3220, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 Evergreen Square SW in Pine City, Minnesota, as the

"Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder Post Office", H.R. 3413, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1449 West Avenue in Bronx, New York, as the "Private Isaac T. Cortes Post Office", and the nomination of Joseph G. Jordan, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Executive Office of the President, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., SD-226.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: to hold hearings to examine drug threats in West Africa, focusing on drug trafficking and United States efforts to counter emerging narcotics-related threats, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

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Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing entitled "Formulation of the 2012 Farm Bill: Commodity Programs and Crop Insurance", public witness day, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Full Committee, meeting to consider Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2013; Full Committee, markup Homeland Security Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2013; and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2013, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "Exploring State Success in Expanding Parent and Student Options", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Broadband Loans and Grants", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Where the Jobs Are: Promoting Tourism to America", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup of H.R. 4471, the "Gasoline Regulations Act of 2012"; and H.R. 4480, the "Strategic Energy Production Act of 2012", 4 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, hearing entitled "The Impact of the Dodd-Frank Act: What It Means to be a Systemically Important Financial Institution", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Structured Transaction Program", 2 p.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "Increasing Market Access for U.S. Financial Firms in China: Update on Progress of the Strategic and Economic Dialogue", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia, hearing entitled "Assessing U.S. Foreign Policy Priorities and Needs Amidst Economic Challenges in South Asia", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.