

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 5781–5792; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 659–660 were introduced. **Pages H2811–12**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2813–14**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1840, to improve consideration by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission of the costs and benefits of its regulations and orders (H. Rept. 112–482);

H.R. 373, to amend the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 to ensure that actions taken by regulatory agencies are subject to that Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–483, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3433, to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide transparency and require certain standards in the award of Federal grants, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 112–484); and

H. Res. 611, providing for further 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. 112–485). **Page H2811**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Barton (TX) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2717**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:47 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2722**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Tom Ellsworth, Sherwood Oaks Christian Church, Bloomington, Indiana. **Page H2722**

Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2012: The House passed H.R. 4970, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, by a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 205 noes, Roll No. 258. **Pages H2726–44, H2745–81**

Rejected the Moore motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 187 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 257. **Pages H2779–81**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 112–481, shall be considered as adopted. **Page H2726**

H. Res. 656, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4970 and H.R. 4310), was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 235 yeas to 186 nays with 1 answering “present,” Roll No. 255, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 235 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 254. **Pages H2726–44**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 656 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a yeas-and-nays vote of 239 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 253. **Pages H2726–31**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of all law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. **Page H2743**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated yesterday, May 15th:

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, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 416 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 256; **Pages H2744–45**

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 **Page H2745**

Chimney Rock National Monument Establishment Act: H.R. 2621, amended, to establish the Chimney Rock National Monument in the State of Colorado. **Pages H2781–82**

Committee Filing Authority: Agreed that the Committee on Appropriations have until 6 p.m. on May 25, 2012 to file four privileged reports on bills making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security; military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies; the Department of Defense; and the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs. **Page H2745**

Notice of Intent to Offer Motion: Representative Rahall announced his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4348. **Page H2745**

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

National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act: H.R. 5740, to extend the National Flood Insurance Program. **Pages H2782–87**

Notice of Intent to Offer Motion: Representative Barrow announced his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4348. **Page H2787**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013: The House began consideration of H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H2787–96**

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:45 p.m. and reconvened at 2:28 a.m. on Thursday, May 17th. **Page H2810**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he submitted to the Congress an Executive Order he has issued with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Yemen and others—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–109). **Page H2782**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-a-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2731, H2743, H2743–44, H2744, H2780–81, H2781. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:29 a.m. on Thursday, May 17th.

Committee Meetings

FORMULATION OF THE 2012 FARM BILL: COMMODITY PROGRAMS AND CROP INSURANCE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing entitled “Formulation of the 2012 Farm Bill: Commodity Programs and Crop Insurance”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUDGET ALLOCATIONS; AND MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a meeting to consider Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2013; Full Committee held a markup Homeland Security Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2013; and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2013. The Revised Suballocation of the Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2012 was agreed to. The Homeland Security Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2013; and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2013 were ordered reported, as amended.

EXPLORING STATE SUCCESS IN EXPANDING PARENT AND STUDENT OPTIONS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Exploring State Success in Expanding Parent and Student Options”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BROADBAND LOANS AND GRANTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Broadband Loans and Grants”. Testimony was heard from Larry Strickling, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information & Administration, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Department of Commerce; Jonathan Adelstein, Administrator, Rural Utility Service (RUS), Department of Agriculture; Todd Zinser, Inspector General, Department of Commerce; and David Gray, Deputy Inspector, General, Department of Agriculture.

WHERE THE JOBS ARE: PROMOTING TOURISM TO AMERICA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Where the Jobs Are: Promoting Tourism to America”. Testimony was heard from Representative Mazie Hirono; Nicole Y. Lamb-Hale, Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing and Services, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began a markup of H.R. 4471, the “Gasoline Regulations Act of 2012”; and H.R. 4480, the “Strategic Energy Production Act of 2012”.