

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 6106–6125; 1 private bill, H.R. 6126; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 728, were introduced. **Pages H4862–63**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4864–65**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 3120, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to require accreditation of certain educational institutions for purposes of a nonimmigrant student visa, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–595). **Page H4862**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Capito to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4829**

National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2012: The House passed H.R. 4402, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness, by a recorded vote of 256 ayes to 160 noes, Roll No. 468. **Pages H4831–55**

Rejected the Slaughter motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 181 yeas to 231 nays, Roll No. 467. **Pages H4852–54**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–26 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill. **Page H4839**

Agreed to:

Cravaack amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–590) that allows projects that have already applied for a permit access to the new expedited process under the bill and **Pages H4845–46**

Young (AK) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–590) that allows the lead agency, as established under this bill, to exempt existing Mineral Prescriptions for strategic and critical materials within Federally administered national forests from the procedures detailed at and all rules promulgated under part 294 of title 36 of the Code for Federal Regulations. In addition, the amendment extends

this exemption to areas integral to access of the Mineral Prescriptions, and the construction, operation, maintenance, and restoration of any existing Mineral Prescriptions (by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 465). **Pages H4844–45, H4850–51**

Rejected:

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–590) that sought to create an exception for non-profit entities and individuals from the outright elimination (found in Section 205 of H.R. 4402) of the shifting of attorneys' fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act; **Pages H4846–47**

Tonko amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–590) that sought to narrow the scope of the underlying bill to include strategic and critical minerals only (by a recorded vote of 162 ayes to 251 noes, Roll No. 462); **Pages H4840–41, H4848–49**

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–590) that sought to give the lead agency, in the event of new or unforeseen information, the authority to extend by two six-month periods the arbitrary 30 month time limit the bill imposes on permit approval (by a recorded vote of 162 ayes to 252 noes, Roll No. 463); **Pages H4841–42, H4849–50**

Markey amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–590) that sought to require a royalty payment of 12.5% of the value of hardrock minerals mined on Federal lands. Revenue generated by the royalty payment would be dedicated to cleaning up abandoned hardrock mines (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 253 noes, Roll No. 464); and **Pages H4842–44, H4850**

Grijalva amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–590) that sought to exempt from the bill any mineral exploration or mining permit a lead agency determines would diminish opportunities for hunting, fishing, grazing, or recreation on public lands. By protecting the status of hunting, fishing, grazing and other recreational uses on Federal lands, the amendment sought to guarantee that the multiple use mandate for Federal lands was not compromised by the underlying bill (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 466). **Pages H4847–48, H4851–52**

H. Res. 726, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, July 11th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, and further when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, July 17th for morning hour debate. **Page H4859**

Discharge Petition: Representative Van Hollen presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committees on House Administration and the Judiciary from the consideration of H.R. 4010, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 4).

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4855.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4865.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4849, H4849–50, H4850, H4850–51, H4851–52, H4853–54, and H4854–55. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee completed markup of H. R. 6083, the “Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT FORCE STRUCTURE REDUCTIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Department of the Air Force aircraft force structure reductions”. Testimony was heard from Governor Terry Branstad, Iowa; Lieutenant General Christopher D. Miller, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, A8, Department of the Air Force; and Major General Timothy J. Lowenberg, USAF, The Adjutant General, Washington State.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing on discussion draft on “No More Solyndras Act”; and “Smart Energy Act”. Testimony was heard from David G. Frantz, Acting Executive Director, Loan Program Office, Department of Energy; Dr. Kathleen Hogan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

RENEWAL OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION’S AUTHORITY TO COMBAT CROSS-BORDER SPAM, SPYWARE AND FRAUD THROUGH REAUTHORIZATION OF THE U.S. SAFE WEB ACT OF 2006

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “The renewal of the Federal Trade Commission’s authority to combat cross-border spam, spyware and fraud through reauthorization of the U.S. SAFE WEB Act of 2006”. Testimony was heard from Hugh G. Stevenson, Deputy Director for International Consumer Protection Office of International Affairs, Federal Trade Commission.

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled “Securing Ammonium Nitrate: Using Lessons Learned in Afghanistan to Protect the Homeland from IEDs”. This hearing began as an open hearing and moved to a closed hearing. Testimony was heard from John P. Woods, Assistant Director, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; LTG Michael D. Barbero, Director, Joint IED Defeat Organization, Department of Defense; and Charles Michael Johnson, Jr., Director, International Counterterrorism and Security Assistance Issues, Government Accountability Office.

CLEARING THE WAY FOR JOBS AND GROWTH: RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW TO REDUCE RED TAPE AND REGULATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing entitled “Clearing the Way for Jobs and Growth: Retrospective Review to Reduce Red Tape and Regulations”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SPURRING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND COMPETITIVENESS THROUGH NASA DERIVED TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled “Spurring Economic Growth and Competitiveness Through NASA Derived Technologies”. Testimony was heard from Mason Peck, Chief Technologist, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.