

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### U.S. AVIATION INDUSTRY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine the global competitiveness of the United States Aviation Industry, focusing on addressing competition issues to maintain United States leadership in the aerospace market, after receiving testimony from John Tracy, The Boeing Company, and Dan Elwell, Aerospace Industries Association of America, both of Arlington, Virginia; Stanley Sorscher, Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace, Seattle, Washington; and Pete Bunce, General Aviation Manufacturers Association, and Nicholas E. Calio, Airlines for America, both of Washington, DC.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill entitled “Enforcing Orders and Reducing Customs Evasion (ENFORCE) Act”;

An original bill entitled “Citrus, Cotton, and Wool Trust Funds”;

An original bill entitled “African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)”;

An original bill entitled “Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR) technical corrections, and Burma sanctions”; and

An original bill entitled “Russia Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) and Moldova PNTR”.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Marcie B. Ries, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, John M. Koenig, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, Michael David Kirby, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, Thomas Hart Armbruster, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Greta Christine Holtz, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### IMPROVING THE TRANSPARENCY OF FEDERAL SPENDING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving the transparency of Federal spending, after receiving testimony from Senator Warner; Gene L.

Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Daniel I. Werfel, Controller, Office of Management and Budget; and Richard L. Gregg, Fiscal Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

### 2020 CENSUS PREPARATION

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the census, focusing on planning ahead for 2020, and how sustaining current reform efforts will be key to a more cost-effective enumeration, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Groves, Director, U.S. Census Bureau, and Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, both of the Department of Commerce; Robert Goldenkoff, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Jason Providakes, The MITRE Corporation, Baltimore, Maryland; Jack Baker, University of New Mexico, Phoenix, Arizona, on behalf of the National Research Council Panel to Review the 2010 Census; and Andrew Reamer, George Washington University Institute of Public Policy, Arlington, Virginia.

### IMPROVING FORENSIC SCIENCE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving forensic science in the criminal justice system, after receiving testimony from Jill Spriggs, State of California Crime Lab, Sacramento, on behalf of the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations; Stephanie Stoiloff, Miami-Dade Police Department Forensic Services Bureau, Miami, Florida, on behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Forensic Science Committee; Peter Neufeld, The Innocence Project, New York, New York; and Scott Burns, National District Attorneys Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

### FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology and the Law concluded a hearing to examine what facial recognition technology means for privacy and civil liberties, after receiving testimony from Jerome M. Pender, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Maneesha Mithal, Associate Director, Division of Privacy and Identity Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Alessandro Acquisti, Carnegie Mellon University Heinz College and CyLab, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Larry Amerson, Calhoun County Sheriff, Anniston, Alabama, on behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association; Nita Farahany, Duke Law School, Durham, North Carolina; Jennifer Lynch, Electronic Frontier Foundation, San Francisco, California; Brian

Martin, MorphoTrust USA, Jersey City, New Jersey; and Robert Sherman, Facebook, Washington, DC.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas Skerik Sowers II, of Missouri, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator McCaskill, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### MEDICARE AND MEDICAID COORDINATION FOR DUAL-ELIGIBLES

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Medicare and Medicaid coordination for dual-eligibles, after receiving testimony from Melanie Bella, Director of the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Jason A. Helgeson, New York State Department of Health Medicaid Director, Albany; Thomas J. Betlach, Arizona Health Care Cost Con-

tainment System (AHCCCS), Phoenix; Robert A. Berenson, Urban Institute, Washington, DC.; Shawn Morris, HealthSpring, Nashville, Tennessee; and Dory Funk, Senior CommUnity Care, Eckert, Colorado.

#### PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

*United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control:* Caucus concluded a hearing to examine prescription drug abuse, after receiving testimony from Representative Bono Mack; R. Gil Kerlikowske, Director of National Drug Control Policy, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President; Joseph T. Rannazzisi, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; John L. Eadie, Brandeis University Heller School for Social Policy and Management Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Center of Excellence, Waltham, Massachusetts; Joe Harmison, Harmison Pharmacies, Arlington, Texas, on behalf of the National Community Pharmacists Association; Avi Israel, Buffalo, New York; and Vernon Porter, Orange County, California.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 13 public bills, H.R. 6137–6149; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 733–734 were introduced. **Pages H5008–09**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5009–10**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Schmidt to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4911**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4915**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Stan Ballard, Nettleton Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas. **Page H4915**

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

*Sequestration Transparency Act of 2012:* H.R. 5872, amended, to require the President to provide a report detailing the sequester required by the Budget Control Act of 2011 on January 2, 2013, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 471. **Pages H4920–25**

*Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2013:* The House began consideration of H.R. 5856, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013. Further proceedings were postponed.

**Pages H4926–H5006**

Agreed to:

Gallegly amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Operation and Maintenance, Air National Guard by \$8,000,000 and Aircraft Procurement, Air Force by \$16,000,000 for firefighting equipment;

**Page H4953**

Kucinich amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Defense Health Program by \$10,000,000 for Gulf War Illness research;

**Pages H4954–55**

Langevin amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2012) that increases funding, by offset, for the Defense Health Program by \$15,000,000 for spinal cord injury research;

**Pages H4956–57**

Sessions amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Defense Health Program by \$10,000,000 for traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder research; **Pages H4857–58**