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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.

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;

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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**

Walz (MN) amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Defense Health Program by \$5,000,000 for vision and eye research;

Pages H4958–59

Bonamici amendment that redirects funding within the account for Other Procurement, Army in order to assess the type of medical equipment needed for emergency missions of the National Guard;

Pages H4960–61

Jones amendment that increases funding for Overseas Deployments and Other Activities, Military Personnel by \$148,462,000 and reduces funding for the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund by \$412,287,000;

Pages H4978–79

Altmire amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Operation and Maintenance, Army Reserve by \$5,500,000 and Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard by \$10,000,000 for the Yellow Ribbon program;

Pages H4980–81

Boswell amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Defense Health Program by \$10,000,000 for suicide prevention;

Pages H4983–85

LoBiondo amendment that prohibits funds from being used to operate an unmanned aircraft system except in accordance with the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution;

Pages H4990–91

Flake amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into a contract for UH–60 Leak Proof Drip Pans using procedures other than competitive procedures;

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Wittman amendment that prohibits funds from being used to propose, plan for, or execute an additional Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round;

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Poe (TX) amendment that revises funds made available for “Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide” and the amount under that heading for payments to reimburse key cooperating nations for logistical, military and other support by \$650,000,000, respectively;

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Bilbray amendment that prohibits funds from being used to remove any portion of the Mount Soledad Veterans Memorial in San Diego, California; and

Pages H4993–94

Cohen amendment that reduces funding for the Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund by \$175,000,000 and applies the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 191 noes, Roll No. 479).

Pages H4982–83, H5001–02

Rejected:

Blumenauer amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2012) that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Environmental Restoration, Formerly Used Defense Sites by \$88,952,000;

Pages H4953–54

Hanna amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force by \$30,000,000;

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Higgins amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide by \$10,000,000;

Pages H4959–60

Baca amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide by \$10,000,000;

Pages H4971–78

Speier amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Fund by \$120,500,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account;

Pages H4985–88

McCollum amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2012) that sought to reduce funding in various Military Personnel and Operation and Maintenance accounts by \$187,770,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 166 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 472);

Pages H4939–42, H4996–97

Kingston amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2012) that sought to reduce funding in various Operation and Maintenance accounts by \$72,300,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 202 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 473);

Pages H4947–53, H4997–98

Quigley amendment that sought to reduce funding for the DDG–51 Destroyer by \$988,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 60 ayes to 359 noes, Roll No. 474);

Pages H4961–62, H4998

Cohen amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Defense Health Program by \$235,000,000 for cancer research (by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 273 noes, Roll No. 475);

Pages H4962–64, H4998–99

Pompeo amendment that sought to eliminate funding for the Defense Rapid Innovation Program and apply the \$250,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 137 ayes to 282 noes, Roll No. 476);

Pages H4964–65, H4999–H5000

Markey amendment that sought to reduce funding for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide for ground-based missile defense by \$75,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 150 ayes to 268 noes, Roll No. 477);

Pages H4965–70, H5000

Amash amendment that sought to strike section 8039 (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 478) (agreed by unanimous consent that a

recorded vote be taken on the Amash amendment which had been disposed of earlier by a voice vote);

Pages H4970–71, H5000–01

Cicilline amendment that sought to eliminate funding for the Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund by and apply the \$375,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 149 ayes to 270 noes, Roll No. 480);

Pages H4981–82, H5002

Woolsey amendment that sought to reduce the total amount of appropriations made available by the bill by \$181,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 114 ayes to 302 noes, Roll No. 481);

Pages H4988–89, H5002–03

Markey amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to operate or maintain more than 300 land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles (by a recorded vote of 136 ayes to 283 noes, Roll No. 482);

Pages H4989–90, H5003–04

Woolsey amendment that sought to reduce the total amount of appropriations made available by the bill by \$293,900,000 (by a recorded vote of 106 ayes to 311 noes, Roll No. 483);

Pages H4990, HH5004

Woolsey amendment that sought to reduce the total amount of appropriations made available by the bill by \$1,700,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 91 ayes to 328 noes, Roll No. 484);

Pages H4992–93, H5004–05

Lee amendment that sought to reduce appropriations in title IX of the bill by \$20,843,869,000, except as provided in subsection (b) of the amendment (by a recorded vote of 107 ayes to 312 noes, Roll No. 485); and

Pages H4994–95, H5005–06

King (IA) amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to administer the wage-rate requirements of subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code, with respect to any project or program funded by this bill (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 486).

Pages H4993, H5006

Withdrawn:

Kucinich amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for the Defense Health Program by \$6,000,000 for suicide prevention research and

Pages H4955–56

Poe (TX) amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2012) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have reduced coalition support funds for Pakistan by \$1,300,000,000 and applied the savings to the spending reduction account.

Pages H4979–80

Point of Order sustained against:

Mulvaney amendment that sought to transfer \$5,557,306,000 in funding from Overseas Deploy-

ments and Other Activities accounts to Military Personnel accounts for the Army and Marine Corps;

Pages H4942–47

Section 8121 of the bill; and

Pages H4977–78

Lee amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for any account of the Department of Defense (other than accounts excluded by subsection (b)) in excess of the amount made available for such account for fiscal year 2008, unless the financial statements of the Department for fiscal year 2013 are validated as ready for audit within 180 days after the date of the enactment of this act.

Pages H4991–92

H. Res. 717, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on June 29th.

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13581 with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations is to continue in effect beyond July 24, 2012—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–125).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and 15 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4925–26, H4996–97, H4997–98, H4998, H4998–99, H4999–H5000, H5000, H5000–01, H5001–02, H5002, H5002–03, H5003–04, H5004, H5004–05, H5005–06 and H5006. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a markup of the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill, FY 2013. The bill was forwarded without amendment.

NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION AND IMPACT ON MILITARY OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee began a hearing on disclosures of national security information and impact on military operations. No testimony was heard.

SEQUESTRATION IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS AND THE EFFECTS ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on Sequestration Implementation Options