

Privileges of the Floor: Page S5238

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
(Total—181) Page S5189

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:46 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 23, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5238.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of General Mark A. Welsh III, USAF for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, Lieutenant General John F. Kelly, USMC to be general and Commander, United States Southern Command, and Lieutenant General Frank J. Grass, ARNG to be general and Chief, National Guard Bureau, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine making college affordability a priority, focusing on promising practices and strategies, after receiving testimony from Donald E. Heller, Michigan State University, East Lansing; Steven Leath, Iowa State University, Ames; Jim Murdaugh, Tallahassee Community College, Tallahassee, Florida; Thomas J. Snyder, Ivy Tech Community College, Bloomington, Indiana, on behalf of Rebuilding America's Middle Class; and Carol A. Twigg, The National Center for Academic Transformation, Saratoga Springs, New York.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the impacts of environmental changes on treaty rights, traditional lifestyles,

and tribal homelands, after receiving testimony from JoAnn Chase, Director, American Indian Environmental Office, Environmental Protection Agency; Margaret A. Davidson, Acting Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Mike Williams, Yupiit Nation, Akiak, Alaska; Tex G. Hall, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation of the Fort Berthold Reservation, New Town, North Dakota; Thomas Dardar, Jr., United Houma Nation, Golden Meadow, Louisiana; Billy Frank, Jr., Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, Olympia, Washington; and Malia Akutagawa, University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law and the Hawai'inuiakea School of Hawaiian Knowledge, Honolulu.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 285, for the relief of Sopuruchi Chukwueke, with an amendment;

S. 3276, to extend certain amendments made by the FISA Amendments Act of 2008, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Frank Paul Geraci, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, Fernando M. Olguin, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Malachy Edward Mannion, and Matthew W. Brann, both to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and Charles R. Breyer, of California, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 6150–6163; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 735–737 were introduced. Pages H5077–78

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H5078–79

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5958, to name the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Contact Station of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge unit of Gateway National Recreation Area in honor of James L. Buckley (H. Rept. 112–608);

H.R. 2834, to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on Federal public lands and ensure continued opportunities for these activities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112-609, Pt. 1);

H.R. 6029, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for increased penalties for foreign and economic espionage, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112-610);

H.R. 2467, to take certain Federal lands in Mono County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Bridgeport Indian Colony, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112-611);

H.R. 4484, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112-612);

H.R. 3742, to designate the United States courthouse located at 100 North Church Street in Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the "Edwin L. Mechem United States Courthouse" (H. Rept. 112-613); and

H.R. 4347, to designate the United States courthouse located at 709 West 9th Street in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Robert Boochever United States Courthouse" (H. Rept. 112-614). **Page H5077**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5013**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:19 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Pages H5021-22**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Jeffrey Bayhi, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. **Page H5022**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2013: The House passed H.R. 5856, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, by a yea-and-nay vote of 326 yeas to 90 nays, Roll No. 498. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, July 18th. **Pages H5027-72**

Agreed to:

Gosar amendment that prohibits funds from being obligated or expended for assistance to the following entities: (1) The Government of Iran. (2) The Government of Syria. (3) Hamas. (4) Hizbullah. (5) The Muslim Brotherhood; **Page H5029**

Brooks amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Department of Defense or a component thereof to provide the government of the Russian Federation with any information about the missile defense systems of the United States that is classified by the Department or component thereof; **Pages H5031-34**

Flores amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enforce section 526 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007; **Pages H5050-52**

Runyan amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 41106 of title 49, United States Code; **Page H5052**

Engel amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Department of Defense or any other Federal agency to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles, for any executive fleet, or for an agency's fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential Memorandum—Federal Fleet Performance, dated May 24, 2011; **Page H5057**

Kucinich amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into a contract with any person or other entity listed in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System as having been convicted of fraud against the Federal Government; **Pages H5060-61**

King (IA) amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 7 of title 1, United States Code (by a recorded vote of 247 yeas to 166 noes, Roll No. 487); **Pages H5027-28, H5063-64**

Moran amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into a contract, memorandum of understanding, or cooperative agreement with, make a grant to, or provide a loan or loan guarantee to Rosoboronexport (by a recorded vote of 407 yeas to 5 noes, Roll No. 490); **Pages H5038-40, H5065-66**

Turner (OH) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to (1) reduce the nuclear forces of the United States in contravention of the Arms Control and Disarmament Act; or (2) to implement the Nuclear Posture Review Implementation Study or modify the Secretary of Defense Guidance for Employment of Force, Annex B, or the Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan, Annex N (by a recorded vote of 235 yeas to 178 noes, Roll No. 491); **Pages H5040-42, H5066-67**

Berg amendment that prohibits funds from being used to reduce the number of the following nuclear weapons delivery vehicles of the United States: (1) Heavy bomber aircraft; (2) Air-launched cruise missiles; (3) Nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines; (4) Submarine-launched ballistic missiles; and (5) Intercontinental ballistic missiles (by a recorded vote of 232 yeas to 183 noes, Roll No. 493); **Pages H5047-50, H5067-68**

Mulvaney amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2012) that reduces the total amount of appropriations made available by the bill by \$1,072,581,000, except as provided in subsection (b) of the amendment (by a recorded vote of 247 yeas to 167 noes, Roll No. 495); **Pages H5054-57, H5069**

Mulvaney amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of July 18, 2012) that reduces the amount made available for “Military Personnel, Army”, by increasing such amount, by reducing the amount made available for “Military Personnel, Marine Corps”, and by increasing such amount, by \$4,359,624,000, \$4,359,624,000, \$1,197,682,000, and \$1,197,682,000, respectively (by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 496); and

Pages H5057–58, H5069–70

Stearns amendment that prohibits funds from being used to implement an enrollment fee for the TRICARE for Life program that does not exist as of the date of the enactment of this Act (by a recorded vote of 399 ayes to 17 noes, Roll No. 497).

Pages H5059–60, H5070–71

Rejected:

Kucinich amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the administration of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery for the student (high school) testing programs;

Pages H5036–38

Lee amendment that sought to reduce the total amount of appropriations made available by the bill by \$19,200,000,000, except as provided in subsection (b) of the amendment (by a recorded vote of 87 ayes to 326 noes, Roll No. 488);

Pages H5030–31, H5064–65

Lee amendment that sought to reduce the total amount of appropriations made available by the bill by \$7,583,000,000, except as provided in subsection (b) of the amendment (by a recorded vote of 171 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 489);

Pages H5034–36, H5065

Coffman amendment (No. 18 printed in the Congressional Record of July 18, 2012) that sought to prohibit funds from being used to continue the deployment, beyond FY 2013, of the 170th Infantry Brigade in Baumholder and the 172nd Infantry Brigade in Grafenwöhr, except pursuant to Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty (by a recorded vote of 123 ayes to 292 noes, Roll No. 492); and

Pages H5043–47, H5067

Garamendi amendment that sought to reduce appropriations made in title IX of the bill by \$12,670,355,000, except as provided in subsection (b) of the amendment (by a recorded vote of 137 ayes to 278 noes, Roll No. 494).

Pages H5052–54, H5068–69

Withdrawn:

Fitzpatrick amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used to enter into a contract using procedures that do not give to small business concerns owned by veterans that are included in the database under section 8127(f) of title 38, United

States Code, any preference available with respect to such contract, except for a preference given to small business concerns owned by service-disabled veterans.

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Point of Order sustained against:

Lee amendment that sought to require that funds made available by the bill for operations of the Armed Forces in Afghanistan shall be obligated and expended only for purposes of providing for the safe and orderly withdrawal from Afghanistan of all members of the Armed Forces and Department of Defense contractor personnel who are in Afghanistan;

Pages H5028–29

Tonko amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to pay a contractor under a contract with the DoD for costs of any amount paid by the contractor or any subcontractor of the contractor to an employee performing work under the contract or any subcontract under the contract for compensation if the compensation of the employee for a fiscal year from the Federal Government for work under Federal contracts exceeds \$230,700, except that the Secretary of Defense may establish one or more narrowly targeted exceptions for scientists and engineers upon a determination that such exceptions are needed to ensure that the DoD has continued access to needed skills and capabilities;

Pages H5042–43

Ellison amendment that sought to require that not later than 30 days after a contract is awarded, the relevant contractor and subcontractor at any tier shall disclose to the Administrator of General Services all electioneering communications, independent expenditures, or contributions made in the most recent election cycle supporting or opposing a Federal political candidate, political party, or political committee, and contributions made to a third-party entity with the intention that such entity would use the contribution to make independent expenditures or electioneering communications; and

Pages H5058–59

Jones amendment (No. 17 printed in the Congressional Record of July 18, 2012) that sought to prohibit funds from being used to negotiate, enter into, or implement any agreement with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan that includes security assurances for mutual defense unless the agreement is in the form of a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate or is specifically authorized by a law enacted after the date of enactment of this Act.

Pages H5061–63

Agreed by unanimous consent that in the engrossment of H.R. 5856 the clerk be permitted to make technical and conforming changes including numerical changes in the amendment offered by Representative Walz (MN).

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

Authorizing the Use of the Rotunda of the United States Capitol for an Event: The House agreed to discharge and agree to H. Con. Res. 133, to authorize the use of the rotunda of the United States Capitol for an event to present the Congressional Gold Medal to Arnold Palmer, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf. **Page H5072**

National Baseball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Act: The House concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2527, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the National Baseball Hall of Fame. **Pages H5072–73**

Committee Filing Authority: Agreed that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform have until midnight on July 20, 2012 to file its report to accompany H.R. 4078. **Page H5075**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, July 23rd. **Page H5075**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5027.

Quorum Calls Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and 11 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5063–64, H5064–65, H5065, H5065–66, H5066–67, H5067, H5067–68, H5068–69, H5069, H5069–70, H5070–71 and H5071–72. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DISCLOSURES OF NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION AND IMPACT ON MILITARY OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on disclosures of national security information and impact on military operations. Testimony was heard from Leon Panetta, Secretary, Department of Defense; General Martin Dempsey, USA, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Jeh Johnson, General Counsel, Department of Defense. This was a closed hearing.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power continued markup of the following: the “U.S. Agricultural Sector Relief Act of 2012”; and the “Asthma Inhalers Relief Act of 2012”. The “U.S. Agricultural Sector Relief Act of 2012” was forwarded, as amended. The “Asthma In-

halers Relief Act of 2012” was forwarded without amendment.

DODD-FRANK’S IMPACT ON FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Who’s In Your Wallet? Dodd-Frank’s Impact on Families, Communities and Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPACT OF DODD-FRANK ON CONSUMER CHOICE AND ACCESS TO CREDIT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “The Impact of Dodd-Frank on Consumer Choice and Access to Credit”. Testimony was heard from Raj Date, Deputy Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

DEADLY U.S. MINE POLLUTION IN PERU

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled “Poison Harvest: Deadly U.S. Mine Pollution in Peru”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UNFAIR TRADING PRACTICES AGAINST THE U.S.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Unfair Trading Practices Against the U.S.: Intellectual Property Rights Infringement, Property Expropriation, and Other Barriers”. Testimony was heard from Grant Aldonas, former Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; and public witnesses.

WHEN REGIMES FALL: THE CHALLENGE OF SECURING LETHAL WEAPONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “When Regimes Fall: The Challenge of Securing Lethal Weapons”. Testimony was heard from Lincoln P. Bloomfield, Jr., former Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs; and public witnesses.

USING UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS WITHIN THE HOMELAND

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management held a hearing entitled “Using Unmanned Aerial Systems Within the Homeland: Security Game Changer?” Testimony was heard from Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; William McDaniel, Chief Deputy, Montgomery County Texas Sheriff’s Office; and public witnesses.