

“Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act of 2013”. All of the measures were ordered reported, without amendment.

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND WASTING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DOLLARS: HOW CAN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REFORM ITS IT INVESTMENT STRATEGY?**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee met for organizational purposes. The Committee adopted its rules for the 113th Congress. The Committee held a hearing entitled “Wasting Information Technology Dollars: How Can the Federal Government Reform its IT Investment Strategy?”. Testimony was heard from Steven VanRoekel, CIO, Office of Management and Budget; David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### **PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 325, to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until May 19, 2013, and for other purposes. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 9 to 3, a closed rule for H.R. 325. The rule provides one hour of debate, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Ryan (WI) and Chairman Miller (MI), and Representatives Levin and Brady (PA).

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Full Committee met for organizational purposes. The Committee adopted its rules for the 113th Congress.

#### **STATUTORY DEBT LIMIT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing on the statutory debt limit. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

### **NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

*(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D8)*

H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. Signed on January 2, 2013. (Public Law 112–239)

H.R. 8, American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012. Signed on January 2, 2013. (Public Law 112–240)

H.R. 1339, to designate the City of Salem, Massachusetts, as the Birthplace of the National Guard of the United States. Signed on January 10, 2013. (Public Law 112–241)

H.R. 1845, to provide a demonstration project providing Medicare coverage for in-home administration of intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) and to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the application of Medicare secondary payer rules for certain claims. Signed on January 10, 2013. (Public Law 112–242)

H.R. 2338, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Florida Avenue in Cocoa, Florida, as the “Harry T. and Harriette Moore Post Office”. Signed on January 10, 2013. (Public Law 112–243)

H.R. 3263, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage and conveyance of non-project water at the Norman project in Oklahoma. Signed on January 10, 2013. (Public Law 112–244)

H.R. 3641, to establish Pinnacles National Park in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System. Signed on January 10, 2013. (Public Law 112–245)

H.R. 3869, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 East Capitol Avenue in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the “Sidney ‘Sid’ Sanders McMath Post Office Building”. Signed on January 10, 2013. (Public Law 112–246)

H.R. 3892, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8771 Auburn Folsom Road in Roseville, California, as the “Lance Corporal Victor A. Dew Post Office”. Signed on January 10, 2013. (Public Law 112–247)

H.R. 4053, to intensify efforts to identify, prevent, and recover payment error, waste, fraud, and abuse within Federal spending. Signed on January 10, 2013. (Public Law 112–248)

H.R. 4057, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop a comprehensive policy to improve outreach and transparency to veterans and members of the Armed Forces through the provision of information on institutions of higher learning. Signed on January 10, 2013. (Public Law 112–249)

H.R. 4073, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to accept the quitclaim, disclaimer, and relinquishment of a railroad right of way within and adjacent to Pike National Forest in El Paso County, Colorado, originally granted to the Mt. Manitou Park and Incline Railway Company pursuant to the Act of March 3, 1875. Signed on January 10, 2013. (Public Law 112–250)

H.R. 4389, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19 East Merced Street in Fowler, California, as the “Cecil E. Bolt Post Office”. Signed on January 10, 2013. (Public Law 112–251)

H.R. 5859, to repeal an obsolete provision in title 49, United States Code, requiring motor vehicle insurance cost reporting. Signed on January 10, 2013. (Public Law 112–252)

H.R. 6014, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants for States to implement DNA arrestee collection processes. Signed on January 10, 2013. (Public Law 112–253)

H.R. 6260, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 211 Hope Street in Mountain View, California, as the “Lieutenant Kenneth M. Ballard Memorial Post Office”. Signed on January 10, 2013. (Public Law 112–254)

H.R. 6379, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6239 Savannah Highway in Ravenel, South Carolina, as the “Representative Curtis B. Inabinett, Sr. Post Office”. Signed on January 10, 2013. (Public Law 112–255)

H.R. 6587, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 225 Simi Village Drive in Simi Valley, California, as the “Postal Inspector Terry Asbury Post Office Building”. Signed on January 10, 2013. (Public Law 112–256)

H.R. 6620, to amend title 18, United States Code, to eliminate certain limitations on the length of Secret Service Protection for former Presidents and for the children of former Presidents. Signed on January 10, 2013. (Public Law 112–257)

H.R. 6671, to amend section 2710 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that a video tape service provider may obtain a consumer’s informed, written consent on an ongoing basis and that consent may be obtained through the Internet. Signed on January 10, 2013. (Public Law 112–258)

S. 925, to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence. Signed on January 10, 2013. (Public Law 112–259)

S. 3202, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that deceased veterans with no known next of kin can receive a dignified burial. Signed on January 10, 2013. (Public Law 112–260)

S. 3666, to amend the Animal Welfare Act to modify the definition of “exhibitor”. Signed on January 10, 2013. (Public Law 112–261)

S. J. Res. 49, providing for the appointment of Barbara Barrett as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Signed on January 10, 2013. (Public Law 112–262)

H.R. 443, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska. Signed on January 14, 2013. (Public Law 112–263)

H.R. 1464, to express the sense of Congress regarding North Korean children and children of one North Korean parent and to require the Department of State regularly to brief appropriate congressional committees on efforts to advocate for and develop a strategy to provide assistance in the best interest of these children. Signed on January 14, 2013. (Public Law 112–264)

H.R. 2076, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the longstanding practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes. Signed on January 14, 2013. (Public Law 112–265)

H.R. 4212, to prevent the introduction into commerce of unsafe drywall, to ensure the manufacturer of drywall is readily identifiable, to ensure that problematic drywall removed from homes is not reused. Signed on January 14, 2013. (Public Law 112–266)

H.R. 4365, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make clear that accounts in the Thrift Savings Fund are subject to certain Federal tax levies. Signed on January 14, 2013. (Public Law 112–267)

H.R. 4606, to authorize the issuance of right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park. Signed on January 14, 2013. (Public Law 112–268)

H.R. 6029, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for increased penalties for foreign and economic espionage. Signed on January 14, 2013. (Public Law 112–269)

H.R. 6060, to amend Public Law 106–392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2019. Signed on January 14, 2013. (Public Law 112–270)

H.R. 6328, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer unclaimed clothing recovered at airport security checkpoints to local veterans organizations and other local charitable organizations. Signed on January 14, 2013. (Public Law 112–271)

H.R. 6364, to establish a commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, to provide for the designation of memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed

Forces in World War I. Signed on January 14, 2013. (Public Law 112–272)

H.R. 6586, to extend the application of certain space launch liability provisions through 2014. Signed on January 14, 2013. (Public Law 112–273)

H.R. 6621, to correct and improve certain provisions of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act and title 35, United States Code. Signed on January 14, 2013. (Public Law 112–274)

H.R. 6655, to establish a commission to develop a national strategy and recommendations for reducing fatalities resulting from child abuse and neglect. Signed on January 14, 2013. (Public Law 112–275)

S. 3331, to provide for universal intercountry adoption accreditation standards. Signed on January 14, 2013. (Public Law 112–276)

S. 3454, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. Signed on January 14, 2013. (Public Law 112–277)

S. 3472, to amend the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to provide improvements to such Act. Signed on January 14, 2013. (Public Law 112–278)

S. 3630, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218 North Milwaukee Street in Waterford, Wisconsin, as the “Captain Rhett W. Schiller Post Office”. Signed on January 14, 2013. (Public Law 112–279)

S. 3662, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6 Nichols Street in Westminister, Massachusetts, as the “Lieutenant Ryan Patrick Jones Post Office Building”. Signed on January 14, 2013. (Public Law 112–280)

S. 3677, to make a technical correction to the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973. Signed on January 14, 2013. (Public Law 112–281)

S. J. Res. 44, granting the consent of Congress to the State and Province Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding. Signed on January 14, 2013. (Public Law 112–282)

S. 2318, to authorize the Secretary of State to pay a reward to combat transnational organized crime and for information concerning foreign nationals wanted by international criminal tribunal. Signed on January 15, 2013. (Public Law 112–283)

H.R. 41, to temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the National Flood Insurance Program. Signed on January 6, 2013. (Public Law 113–1)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2013

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine Benghazi, focusing on the attacks and lessons learned, 9 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nelson Stephen Roman, and Analisa Torresto, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Raymond P. Moore, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Derrick Kahala Watson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, and Claire R. Kelly, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, 10 a.m., SD–226.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 23 through January 25, 2013

### Senate Chamber

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* January 23, to hold hearings to examine Benghazi, focusing on the attacks and lessons learned, 9 a.m., SH–216.

January 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John F. Kerry, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of State, 10 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* January 24, to hold hearings to examine the state of America’s mental health system, 10 a.m., SD–430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* January 23, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nelson Stephen Roman, and Analisa Torresto, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Raymond P. Moore, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Derrick Kahala Watson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, and Claire R. Kelly, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* January 24, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* January 23, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 113th Congress, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* January 23, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 113th Congress, 11 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.