

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 113th Congress:

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies: Senators Pryor (Chair), Harkin, Feinstein, Johnson (SD), Tester, Udall (NM), Merkley, Blunt, Cochran, McConnell, Collins, Moran, and Hoeven.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies: Senators Mikulski (Chair), Leahy, Feinstein, Reed, Lautenberg, Pryor, Landrieu, Shaheen, Merkley, Shelby, McConnell, Alexander, Collins, Murkowski, Graham, Kirk, and Boozman.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense: Senators Durbin (Chair), Leahy, Harkin, Feinstein, Mikulski, Murray, Johnson (SD), Reed, Landrieu, Pryor, Cochran, McConnell, Shelby, Alexander, Collins, Murkowski, Graham, Coats, and Blunt.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development: Senators Feinstein (Chair), Murray, Johnson (SD), Landrieu, Lautenberg, Harkin, Tester, Durbin, Udall (NM), Alexander, Cochran, McConnell, Shelby, Collins, Murkowski, Graham, and Hoeven.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government: Senators Lautenberg (Chair), Durbin, Udall (NM), Johanns, and Moran.

Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security: Senators Landrieu (Chair), Leahy, Murray, Lautenberg, Tester, Begich, Coats, Cochran, Shelby, Murkowski, and Moran.

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies: Senators Reed (Chair), Feinstein, Leahy, Johnson (SD), Tester, Udall (NM), Merkley, Begich, Murkowski, Cochran, Alexander, Blunt, Hoeven, and Johanns.

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies: Senators Harkin (Chair), Murray, Landrieu, Durbin, Reed, Pryor, Mikulski, Tester, Shaheen, Merkley, Moran, Cochran, Shelby, Alexander, Graham, Kirk, Johanns, and Boozman.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch: Senators Shaheen (Chair), Merkley, Begich, Hoeven, and Boozman.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies: Senators Johnson (SD) (Chair), Murray, Reed, Pryor, Tester, Udall (NM), Shaheen, Begich, Kirk, McConnell, Collins, Murkowski, Coats, Hoeven, and Johanns.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs: Senators Leahy (Chair), Harkin, Mikulski, Durbin, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Shaheen, Begich,

Graham, McConnell, Kirk, Coats, Blunt, Johanns, and Boozman.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies: Senators Murray (Chair), Mikulski, Durbin, Leahy, Harkin, Feinstein, Johnson (SD), Lautenberg, Pryor, Reed, Collins, Shelby, Alexander, Graham, Kirk, Coats, Blunt, Moran, and Boozman.

IMPACTS OF SEQUESTRATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impacts of sequestration and/or a full-year continuing resolution on the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Ashton B. Carter, Deputy Secretary, Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary (Comptroller), General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff United States Army, Admiral Mark E. Ferguson III, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Mark A. Welsh III, USAF, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, and General Frank J. Grass, Chief, National Guard Bureau, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Charles Timothy Hagel, of Nebraska, to be Secretary of Defense.

BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the budget and economic outlook, focusing on fiscal years 2013–2023, after receiving testimony from Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported its rules of procedure for the 113th Congress, a questionnaire for executive nominations, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Energy: Senators Franken (Chair), Johnson (SD), Landrieu, Cantwell, Sanders, Stabenow, Udall (CO), Manchin, Coons, Heinrich, Risch, Heller, Flake, Alexander, Portman, and Hoeven.

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining: Senators Manchin (Chair), Johnson (SD), Landrieu, Cantwell, Udall (CO), Franken, Coons, Schatz, Heinrich, Barrasso, Risch, Lee, Heller, Flake, Scott, Alexander, and Hoeven.

Subcommittee on National Parks: Senators Udall (CO) (Chair), Landrieu, Sanders, Stabenow, Coons, Schatz, Heinrich, Portman, Barrasso, Lee, Alexander, and Hoeven.

Subcommittee on Water and Power: Senators Schatz (Chair), Johnson (SD), Cantwell, Sanders, Stabenow, Manchin, Franken, Lee, Barrasso, Risch, Heller, Flake, and Scott.

Senators Wyden and Murkowski are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

AMERICA'S NATURAL GAS RESOURCES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunities and challenges associated with America's natural gas resources, after receiving testimony from Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper, Denver; Andrew N. Liveris, The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Michigan; Ross Eisenberg, National Association of Manufacturers, and Jack N. Gerard, American Petroleum Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Frances Beinecke, Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, New York; and Kenneth B. Medlock III, Rice University James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Houston, Texas.

PROPOSALS TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine proposals to reduce gun vio-

lence, focusing on protecting our communities while respecting the Second Amendment, including S. 54, to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking, S. 179, to prevent gun trafficking, S. 195, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and violence to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs, S. 150, to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and S. 174, to appropriately restrict sales of ammunition, after receiving testimony from Timothy J. Heaphy, United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia, Department of Justice; Laurence H. Tribe, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Daniel W. Webster, Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research, Baltimore, Maryland; Charles J. Cooper, Cooper and Kirk PLLC, Washington, D.C.; Sandra J. Wortham, Chicago, Illinois; and Suzanna Gratia Hupp, Lampasas, Texas.

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: 15 public bills, H.R. 609–623; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 26; H. Con. Res. 12; and H. Res. 62–63 were introduced. **Pages H454–55**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H455–56**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Recess: The House recessed at 12:35 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H437**

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

Collinsville Renewable Energy Promotion Act: H.R. 316, to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects; and **Pages H441–42**

Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act of 2013: H.R. 235, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with

military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians. **Pages H442–43**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013: H.R. 267, to improve hydropower. **Pages H439–41**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:41 p.m. and reconvened at 8:40 p.m. **Page H443**

State of the Union Address: President Barack Obama delivered his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 11. He was escorted into the House Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Cantor, McCarthy (CA), McMorris Rodgers, Walden, Lankford, Jenkins, Foxx, Pelosi, Hoyer, Clyburn, Becerra, Crowley, Israel, and Duckworth and Senators Reid, Leahy, Durbin, Schumer, Murray, Bennet, Stabenow, Begich, McConnell, Cornyn, Thune, Blunt, Barrasso, and Moran. The President's message was referred to the Committee of