

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

Federal Disaster Assistance Nonprofit Fairness Act of 2013: H.R. 592, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify that houses of worship are eligible for certain disaster relief and emergency assistance on terms equal to other eligible private nonprofit facilities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 354 yeas to 72 nays, Roll No. 39. **Pages H465–80**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, February 12th:

Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013: H.R. 267, to improve hydropower, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 40. **Page H481**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 64, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H481**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment: The Chair announced that the Speaker’s appointment of members of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on February 8, 2013 is made notwithstanding the requirement of clause 11(a)(4)(A) of rule X; and the Speaker’s appointment, pursuant to clause 11 of rule X, clause 11 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, and notwithstanding the requirement of clause 11(a)(1)(C) of rule X, of the following Members of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representatives Thompson (CA), Schakowsky, Langevin, Schiff, Gutierrez, Pastor (AZ), and Himes. Subsequently, the Chair additionally appointed Representative Sewell pursuant to a unanimous consent request. **Pages H497–98**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:13 p.m. and reconvened at 7:19 p.m. **Pages H497–98**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011 with respect to Libya is to continue in effect beyond February 25, 2013—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–9). **Page H488**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H479–80 and H481. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider oversight plan of the Committee on Agriculture for the 113th Congress and other organizational matters. The Committee approved its Oversight Plan and Committee Rules for the 113th Congress.

IMPACTS OF A CONTINUING RESOLUTION AND SEQUESTRATION ON DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Impacts of a Continuing Resolution and Sequestration on Defense.” Testimony was heard from Ashton Carter, Deputy Secretary of Defense; General Martin Dempsey, USA, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Raymond T. Odierno, USA Chief of Staff, U. S. Army; Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, U. S. Navy; General James F. Amos, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, U. S. Marine Corps; and General Frank J. Grass, USARNG, Chief, National Guard Bureau.

PERSPECTIVES ON THE FUTURE NATIONAL SECURITY ENVIRONMENT: TECHNOLOGICAL, GEOPOLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TRENDS AFFECTING THE DEFENSE STRATEGIC GUIDANCE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “Perspectives on the Future National Security Environment: Technological, Geopolitical and Economic Trends Affecting the Defense Strategic Guidance”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE’S BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Congressional Budget Office’s Budget and Economic Outlook”. Testimony was heard from Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing entitled “The Future of the NLRB: What Noel Canning vs. NLRB Means for Workers, Employers, and Unions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INFLUENZA: PERSPECTIVE ON CURRENT SEASON AND UPDATE ON PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled

“Influenza: Perspective on Current Season and Update on Preparedness”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Frieden, MD, MPH, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Service; Jesse L. Goodman, MD, MPH, Chief Scientist, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and Marcia Crosse, PhD, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office.

SATELLITE VIDEO 101

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Satellite Video 101”. Testimony was heard from Eloise Gore, Associate Bureau Chief, Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; and public witnesses

A LOOK AT THE FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION'S 2012 ACTUARIAL REPORT

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Bailout, Bust, or Much Ado About Nothing?: A Look at the Federal Housing Administration's 2012 Actuarial Report”. Testimony was heard from Carol J. Galante, Commissioner and Assistant Secretary for Housing, Federal Housing Administration.

NEW PERSPECTIVE ON THREATS TO THE HOMELAND

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A New Perspective on Threats to the Homeland”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. DIRECT ASSISTANCE IN AFGHANISTAN: ENSURING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “U.S. Direct Assistance in Afghanistan: Ensuring Transparency and Accountability”. Testimony was heard from John F. Sopko, Special Inspector General, Afghanistan Reconstruction.

OVERSIGHT PLAN; AND STATUTORY PAY ADJUSTMENT FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 273, to eliminate the 2013 statutory pay adjustment for Federal employees; and Proposed Oversight Plan of the Committee on Rules for the 113th Congress. The Committee adopted the Oversight Plan of the Committee on Rules for the 113th Congress. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 7 to 4, a closed rule for H.R. 273. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by

the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Section 2 provides that during any recess or adjournment of not more than three days, if in the opinion of the Speaker the public interest so warrants, then the Speaker or his designee, after consultation with the Minority Leader, may reconvene the House at a time other than that previously appointed, within the limits of clause 4, section 5, article I of the Constitution, and notify Members accordingly. Section 3 provides that it shall be in order at any time throughout the legislative day of February 15, 2013, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules, as though under clause 1 of rule XV, relating to a measure condemning the government of North Korea and its February 12, 2013 test of a nuclear device. Section 4 provides that on any legislative day during the period from February 16, 2013 through February 22, 2013 the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time, within the limits of clause 4, section 5, article I of the Constitution. Section 5 provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 4. Testimony was heard from Representatives DeSantis, Hoyer, Jackson Lee, Van Hollen, Bera, and Delegate Norton.

AMERICAN ENERGY OUTLOOK: TECHNOLOGY, MARKET, AND POLICY DRIVERS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “American Energy Outlook: Technology, Market, and Policy Drivers”. Testimony was heard from Adam Sieminski, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee, hearing entitled “The State of the Small Business Economy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL ROLE IN AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Federal Role in America's Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HONORING THE COMMITMENT: OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO QUALITY MENTAL HEALTH CARE FOR VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Honoring the Commitment: Overcoming Barriers to Quality Mental Health Care for Veterans". Testimony was heard from Linda Spoonster Schwartz, Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, State of Connecticut; Robert A. Petzel, M.D., Under Secretary for Health Veterans, Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a business meeting on Committee Organization and Rules. The Committee rules for the 113th Congress were adopted.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine drought, fire, and freeze, focusing on the economics of disasters for America's agricultural producers, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: to hold hearings to examine the impacts of sequestration, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of General Lloyd J. Austin III, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Central Command, and General David M. Rodriguez, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Africa Command, both of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Wall Street reform, focusing on oversight of financial stability and consumer and investor protections, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine health insurance exchanges, focusing on a progress report, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Caitlin Joan Halligan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Co-

lumbia Circuit, Patty Shwartz, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Pamela Ki Mai Chen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Katherine Polk Failla, Analisa Torres, and Nelson Stephen Roman, all to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Andrew Patrick Gordon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Ketanji Brown Jackson, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Raymond P. Moore, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Troy L. Nunley, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Beverly Reid O'Connell, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Derrick Kahala Watson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, Shelly Deckert Dick, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, William H. Orrick III, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Mark A. Barnett, of Virginia, and Claire R. Kelly, of New York, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and David Medine, of Maryland, to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water, hearing entitled "National Nuclear Administration (NNSA), Weapons Activities Budget", 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing entitled "Embassy Security", 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee, hearing entitled "Framework for Building Partnership Capacity Programs and Authorities to Meet 21st Century Challenges", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "Raising the Bar: How Education Innovation Can Improve Student Achievement", 10 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Sequestration: Examining Employers' WARN Act Responsibilities", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "SGR: Data, Measures and Models; Building a Future Medicare Physician Payment System", 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Our Nation of Builders: Manufacturing in America", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee, meeting to adopt the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 113th Congress, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Crisis in Mali: U.S. Interests and the International Response", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee, meeting to adopt the Judiciary Committee Oversight Plan for the 113th Congress, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Past, Present and Future of the Federal Helium Program”; and H.R. 527, the “Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee, business meeting to approve the Committee Report entitled “Billions of Federal Tax Dollars Wasted Annually by New York’s Medicaid Program”, 10:15 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Exploring GAO’s High Risk List and Opportunities for Reform”, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health and Entitlements, hearing entitled “The Effects of Rising Energy Costs on American Families and Employers”, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “Unintended Consequences: Is Government Effectively Addressing the Unemployment Crisis?”, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “The State of Environment: Evaluating Progress and Priorities”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Research, hearing entitled “Applications for Information Technology Research and Development”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Post 9/11 GI Bill Claims Processing Issues”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee, business meeting on the Committee’s Oversight Plan for the 113th Congress; and hearing entitled “Tax Reform and Charitable Contributions”, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Advanced Cyber Threats Facing Our Nation”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.