

to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Katherine Polk Failla, and Analisa Torres, both 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, and 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.

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: 59 public bills, H.R. 625, 683–740; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 29–31; and H. Res. 69–71 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Collins (NY) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:03 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:22 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

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Eliminating the 2013 statutory pay adjustment for Federal employees—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 66, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 273, to eliminate the 2013 statutory pay adjustment for Federal employees, by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 42, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 41.

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A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 66 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote.

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Joint Economic Committee—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Joint Economic Committee: Representatives Campbell, Duffy, Amash, Paulsen, Hanna, Loretta Sanchez, Cummings, and Delaney.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H528–29. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “National Nuclear Administration (NNSA), Weapons Activities Budget”. Testimony was heard from Neile Miller, Acting Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; Don Cook, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration; and Col. James Dawkins, Deputy Administrator for Military Application, National Nuclear Security Administration.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing entitled “Embassy Security”. Testimony was heard from Patrick Kennedy, Under Secretary of Secretary for Management, Department of State. This was a closed hearing.

BUILDING PARTNERSHIP CAPACITY PROGRAMS AND AUTHORITIES TO MEET 21ST CENTURY CHALLENGES

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Framework for Building Partnership Capacity Programs and Authorities to Meet 21st Century Challenges”. Testimony was heard

from Michael Sheehan, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, Department of Defense; Janet St. Laurent, Managing Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, Government Accountability Office; and Lieutenant General Terry Wolff, USA, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff, Department of Defense.

HOW EDUCATION INNOVATION CAN IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Raising the Bar: How Education Innovation Can Improve Student Achievement”. Testimony was heard Jim Shelton, Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

SEQUESTRATION: EXAMINING EMPLOYERS’ WARN ACT RESPONSIBILITIES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Sequestration: Examining Employers’ WARN Act Responsibilities”. Testimony was heard from Jane Oates Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

SGR: DATA, MEASURES AND MODELS; BUILDING A FUTURE MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT SYSTEM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “SGR: Data, Measures and Models; Building a Future Medicare Physician Payment System”. Testimony was heard from Glenn M. Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and public witnesses.

OUR NATION OF BUILDERS: MANUFACTURING IN AMERICA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Our Nation of Builders: Manufacturing in America”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee began a meeting to adopt the Committee’s Oversight Plan for the 113th Congress

CRISIS IN MALI: U.S. INTERESTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Crisis in Mali: U.S. Interests and the International Response”. Testimony was

heard from Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and Amanda Dory, Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a meeting to adopt the Judiciary Committee Oversight Plan for the 113th Congress. The Committee approved its 113th Congress Oversight Plan.

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE FEDERAL HELIUM PROGRAM; AND LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Past, Present and Future of the Federal Helium Program”; and H.R. 527, the “Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act”. Testimony was heard from Tim Spisak, Deputy Assistant Director, Minerals and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Daniel Garcia-Diaz, Director, National Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and Kimberly Elmore, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, Inspections, and Evaluations, Department of the Interior.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a business meeting to approve the Committee Report entitled “Billions of Federal Tax Dollars Wasted Annually by New York’s Medicaid Program”. The Committee approved the report, as amended.

EXPLORING GAO’S HIGH RISK LIST AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR REFORM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Exploring GAO’s High Risk List and Opportunities for Reform”. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

EFFECTS OF RISING ENERGY COSTS ON AMERICAN FAMILIES AND EMPLOYERS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health and Entitlements held a hearing entitled “The Effects of Rising Energy Costs on American Families and Employers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES: IS GOVERNMENT EFFECTIVELY ADDRESSING THE UNEMPLOYMENT CRISIS?

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and

Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Unintended Consequences: Is Government Effectively Addressing the Unemployment Crisis?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STATE OF ENVIRONMENT: EVALUATING PROGRESS AND PRIORITIES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “The State of Environment: Evaluating Progress and Priorities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPLICATIONS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research held a hearing entitled “Applications for Information Technology Research and Development”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

POST 9/11 GI BILL CLAIMS PROCESSING ISSUES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Post 9/11 GI Bill Claims Processing Issues”. Testimony was heard from Roger Baker, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING; AND TAX REFORM AND CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held business meeting on the Committee’s Oversight Plan for the 113th Congress; and hearing entitled “Tax Reform and Charitable Contributions”. The Committee Oversight Letter for the 113th Congress was

approved; and testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ADVANCED CYBER THREATS FACING OUR NATION

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Advanced Cyber Threats Facing Our Nation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled “The Role of the States in Protecting the Environment Under Current Law”, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “Assessing DHS 10 Years Later: How Wisely is DHS Spending Taxpayer Dollars?”, 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Operating Unmanned Aircraft Systems in the National Airspace System: Assessing Research and Development Efforts to Ensure Safety”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.