

testimony from Larry A. Polzin, Disabled American Veterans, Cold Springs, Kentucky.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee.

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Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 113th Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 819–844; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 32; H. Con. Res. 18–19; and H. Res. 81–82, 84–85 were introduced. **Pages H658–59**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H660–61**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H. Res. 83, providing for consideration of the bill (S. 47) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (H. Rept. 113–10). **Page H657**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Yoder to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H631**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:09 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H639**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 290 yeas to 118 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 50. **Pages H639, H648–49**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure:

Academic Competition Resolution of 2013: H. Res. 77, to establish an academic competition in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics among students in Congressional districts, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 49. **Pages H643–47, H648**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:56 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m. **Page H647**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Massie motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 1 yea to 415 nays, Roll No. 48. **Page H647**

Announcement by the Chair: The Speaker addressed the Members on matters of decorum in the House. **Pages H647–48**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Renacci, wherein he resigned from both

the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Financial Services. **Page H649**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Harris, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Committee on Natural Resources, and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. **Page H649**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Southerland, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Agriculture. **Pages H649–50**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 82, electing certain Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Pages H651–52**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:47 p.m. and reconvened at 7:13 p.m. **Page H651**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H631.

Senate Referral: S. 298 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H657**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H647, H648, H649. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a meeting to consider the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the agencies and programs under the jurisdiction of the Committee for FY 2014. The Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee were approved.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE FISCAL CHALLENGES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Challenges”. Testimony was heard from General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff of the Army; Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations ; General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps; General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff of the Air Force; and General Frank J. Grass, Chief, National Guard Bureau.

APPROPRIATIONS—NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION AND NAVAL REACTORS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Nuclear Nonproliferation and Naval Reactors. Testimony was heard from Neile Miller, Acting Administrator, NNSA; Anne Harrington, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, NNSA; and Admiral John M. Richardson, Director, Naval Reactors, NNSA.

APPROPRIATIONS—GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE FY 2014 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Government Accountability Office FY 2014 Budget. Testimony was heard from Gene Dodaro, Comptroller General.

APPROPRIATIONS—GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE FY 2014 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Government Printing Office FY 2014 Budget. Testimony was heard from Davita Vance-Cooks, Acting Public Printer, Government Printing Office.

QUADRENNIAL DEFENSE REVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Quadrennial Defense Review: Process, Policy, and Perspectives. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FUTURE OF SEAPOWER

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing on the Future of Seapower. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REFORMING THE NATION’S WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SYSTEM

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce

Training held a hearing entitled “Putting America Back to Work: Reforming the Nation’s Workforce Investment System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ASSESSMENT OF PRIVATE-SECTOR SUCCESSES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN ENERGY EFFICIENT TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “American Energy Security and Innovation: An Assessment of Private-Sector Successes and Opportunities in Energy Efficient Technologies”. Testimony was heard from Senator Lisa Murkowski (AK) and Senator Jeanne Shaheen (NH); Kathleen Hogan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a meeting to adopt the Committee’s budget views and estimates for fiscal year 2014. The Committee’s budget views and estimates were passed by the Committee.

DEMONSTRATIONS IN TAHRIR SQUARE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Demonstrations in Tahrir Square: Two Years Later, What Has Changed?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REBALANCE TO ASIA: WHY SOUTH ASIA MATTERS (PART 1)

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “The Rebalance to Asia: Why South Asia Matters (Part I)”. Testimony was heard from Robert O. Blake, Assistant Secretary, Bureau for South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; and Joseph Y. Yun, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

SECURE BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “What Does a Secure Border Look Like?”. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Fisher, Chief, Border Patrol, Department of Homeland Security; Kevin McAleenan, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Rear Admiral William Lee, Deputy for Operations Policy and Capabilities, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Rebecca Gambler, Acting Director,

Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; Marc R. Rosenblum, Specialist in Immigration Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

PROPOSED MERGER OF AMERICAN AIRLINES AND US AIRWAYS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled “Competition and Bankruptcy in the Airline Industry: The Proposed Merger of American Airlines and US Airways”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AGRICULTURAL LABOR: FROM H–2A TO A WORKABLE AGRICULTURAL GUESTWORKER PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security held a hearing entitled “Agricultural Labor: From H–2A to a Workable Agricultural Guestworker Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT: A MODEL FOR PROMOTING HEALTHY FORESTS, RURAL SCHOOLS AND JOBS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation held a hearing entitled “State Forest Management: A Model for Promoting Healthy Forests, Rural Schools and Jobs”. Testimony was heard from C. L. “Butch” Otter, Governor, State of Idaho; Lee Grose, Commissioner, Lewis County (WA); and public witnesses.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Bailout Rewards: The Treasury Department’s Continued Approval of Excessive Pay for Executives at Taxpayer-Funded Companies”. Testimony was heard from Christy Romero, Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program Department of the Treasury; and Patricia Geoghegan, Acting Special Master for TARP Executive Compensation, Department of the Treasury.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2013; AND SUBCOMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on S. 47, the “Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for S. 47. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their respective designees. 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 that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–2, if offered by the Majority Leader or his designee, which shall be in order without intervention of any point of order, shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule provides one motion to commit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gowdy, Jackson Lee, Van Hollen, and Moore.

The Committee also populated, by unanimous consent, its subcommittees as follows: The Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House: As Majority members: Mr. Nugent, Chairman; Mr. Bishop (UT); Mr. Webster (FL); Ms. Ros-Lehtinen; and Mr. Sessions. As Minority members: Mr. McGovern, Ranking Member; and Ms. Slaughter. The Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process: As Majority members: Mr. Woodall, Chairman; Ms. Foxx; Mr. Nugent; Mr. Webster (FL); and Mr. Burgess. As Minority members: Mr. Hastings (FL) Ranking Member; and Mr. Polis.

CYBER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Subcommittee on Research held a joint hearing entitled “Cyber R&D Challenges and Solutions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MID-LEVEL ETHANOL BLENDS: CONSUMER AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH NEEDS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on the Environment held a hearing entitled “Mid-Level Ethanol Blends: Consumer and Technical Research Needs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COAST GUARD MISSION BALANCE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Coast Guard Mission Balance”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Peter Neffenger, Deputy Commandant for Operations, United States Coast Guard.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a meeting on the Committee on Ways and Means Views and Estimates Submission Letter. The Committee’s Views and Estimates Letter was agreed to.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held an organizational meeting. The Subcommittee agreed to its organizational plan for the 113th Congress.

EXAMINING TRADITIONAL MEDICARE'S BENEFIT DESIGN

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Examining Traditional Medicare's Benefit Design". Testimony was heard from Glen M. Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held an organizational meeting. The Subcommittee agreed to its organizational plan for the 113th Congress.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 27, 2013**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 2:30 p.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the power of transparency, focusing on giving consumers the information they need to make smart choices in the health insurance market, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine animal drug user fee agreements, focusing on advancing animal health for the public health, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the assault weapons ban of 2013, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jane Kelly, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: business meeting to mark up the Omnibus Budget for Senate committees, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine strengthening Medicare for today and the future, 3 p.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on the Library of Congress FY 2014 Budget, 9:30 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Resources for Risk-Based Security, Transportation Security Administration Budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Oversight of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Indian Education, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on Congressional Budget Office FY 2014 Budget, 10:15 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee, hearing on the transition in Afghanistan: Views of Outside Experts, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the impact to military end strength in a budget constrained environment, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the role of intelligence in the Department of Defense, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee, hearing entitled "Protecting Students and Teachers: A Discussion on School Safety", 12:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Is the Broadband Stimulus Working?", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Fostering Innovation to Fight Waste, Fraud and Abuse in Health Care", 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee, hearing entitled "Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights; and International Organizations, joint hearing entitled "Anti-Semitism: A Growing Threat to All Faiths", 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia and Emerging Threats; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, joint hearing entitled "Islamist Militant Threats to Eurasia", 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee, hearing entitled "Drones and the War On Terror: When Can the U.S. Target Alleged American Terrorists Overseas?", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Protection, hearing entitled "How E-Verify Works and How it Benefits American Employers and Workers", 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee, hearing entitled "Time to Reform Information Technology Acquisition: The Federal IT Acquisition Reform Act", 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.