

testimony from Philip G. Joyce, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, College Park; Scott D. Pattison, National Association of State Budget Officers, and Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, both of Washington, D.C.; and Stan Soloway, Professional Services Council, Arlington, Virginia.

#### OPEN GOVERNMENT ACT FIVE YEARS LATER

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine fulfilling the promise of open government five years after the “OPEN Government Act”, after receiving testimony from Melanie Ann Pustay, Director, Office of Information Policy, Department of Justice; Miriam Nisbet, Director of the Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration; Sean Moulton, Center for Effective Government, and Thomas Blanton, George Washington University National Security Archive, both of Washington, D.C.; and Kevin M. Goldberg, Fletcher, Heald and Hildreth, PLC, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the American Society of News Editors and the Sunshine in Government Initiative.

#### VETERANS’ AFFAIRS CLAIMS PROCESS

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Veterans’ Affairs (VA) claims

process, focusing on a review of Veterans’ Affairs transformation efforts, including persisting challenges to timely processing, after receiving testimony from Allison A. Hickey, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration; Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; and Joseph Thompson, National Academy of Public Administration, Barton F. Stichman, National Veterans Legal Services Program, and Joseph A. Violante, Disabled American Veterans, all of Washington, D.C.

#### JAMAICAN PHONE FRAUD

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Jamaican phone fraud targeting seniors, after receiving testimony from Shawn Tiller, Deputy Chief Postal Inspector, United States Postal Inspection Service; Vance Callender, Operations Chief, Homeland Security Investigations, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; William L. King, Jr., Chief Deputy, York County Sheriff’s Office, Alfred, Maine; Robert Romasco, and Doug Shadel, both of AARP, Washington, D.C.; Phil Hopkins, The Western Union Company, Englewood, Colorado; Kim Nichols, Hermon, Maine; and Sonia Ellis, Oakville, Ontario, Canada.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 44 public bills, H.R. 1104–1147; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 23; and H. Res. 112, 114–116, were introduced. **Pages H1394–96**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1398–99**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 113, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 803) to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st century (H. Rept. 113–16). **Page H1394**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bentivolio to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1361**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:24 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1363**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 295 yeas to 120 nays with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 66. **Pages H1363–64, H1372–73**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:57 p.m. and reconvened at 2:55 p.m. **Page H1371**

**Preserving Work Requirements for Welfare Programs Act of 2013:** The House passed H.R. 890, to prohibit waivers relating to compliance with the work requirements for the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, by a recorded vote of 246 yeas to 181 noes, Roll No. 68. **Page H1373**

Rejected the Enyart motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 199 yeas to 230 nays, Roll No. 67. **Pages H1382–84**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–3 shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 107, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 65, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 64.

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**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the McGovern motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 1 aye to 421 noes, Roll No. 69.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1365.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1371–72, H1372, H1372–73, H1383–84, H1384, and H1384–85. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### NATIONAL FOREST MANAGEMENT AND ITS IMPACTS ON RURAL ECONOMIES AND COMMUNITIES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry held a hearing on National Forest Management and its Impacts on Rural Economies and Communities. Testimony was heard from Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

### APPROPRIATIONS—EPA AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on Water Infrastructure Financing Oversight. Testimony was heard from Mike Shapiro, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water; and Alfredo Gomez, Director of Natural Resources, Government Accountability Office.

### APPROPRIATIONS—USDA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on USDA Food and Nutrition Service Oversight. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Hagen, Under Secretary for Food Safety, Food Safety and Inspection

Service, Department of Agriculture; and Alfred V. Almanza, Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture.

### APPROPRIATIONS—FEMA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on FEMA Hurricane Sandy Funding Oversight. Testimony was heard from Craig Fugate, Administrator, FEMA.

### APPROPRIATIONS—PUBLIC AND OUTSIDE WITNESSES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing for Public and Outside Witnesses. Testimony was heard from public and outside witnesses.

### APPROPRIATIONS—NASA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Oversight. Testimony was heard from Paul K. Martin, Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

### APPROPRIATIONS—SYRIA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on Syria Oversight. Testimony was heard from Robert S. Ford, Ambassador. This was a closed hearing.

### APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and Hurricane Sandy Supplemental Implementation. Testimony was heard from Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Major General Michael Walsh, Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations; and Colonel Kent Savre, North Atlantic Division Commander.

### APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on related agencies. Testimony was heard from Max Cleland, American Battle Monuments Commission; Kathryn A. Condon, Executive Director, Army National Cemeteries; Bruce Kasold, Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeal for Veterans Claims; and Steve McManus, Chief Operating Officer, Armed Forces Retirement Home.