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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S1957–58.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States European Command, United States Northern Command, and United States Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral James Stavridis, United States Navy, Commander, United States European Command, General Charles H. Jacoby, Jr., United States Army, Commander, United States Northern Command, and North American Aerospace Defense Command, and General John F. Kelly, United States Marine Corps, Commander, United States Southern Command, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities received open and closed briefings on cybersecurity threats in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Kevin Mandia, and Richard Bejtlich, both of Mandiant Corporation, Alexandria, Virginia; Stephanie O'Sullivan, Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, Miriam Perlberg, National Intelligence Manager for Cyber, and Sean Kanuck, National Intelligence Officer for Cyber Issues, all of the Office of National Intelligence; and Lieutenant General Jon M. Davis, USMC, Deputy Commander, U.S. Cyber Command.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Richard Cordray, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and Mary Jo White, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

BIPARTISAN SOLUTIONS FOR HOUSING FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine bipartisan solutions for housing finance reform, after receiving testimony from former Senator Mel Martinez, Co-Chair, Bipartisan Policy Center's Housing Commission; Peter Wallison, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Janneke Ratcliffe, Center for American Progress Action Fund, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

INSURANCE MARKETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine streamlining regulation, improving consumer protection and increasing competition in insurance markets, including S. 534, to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, after receiving testimony from Baird Webel, Specialist in Financial Economics, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Monica J. Lindeen, Montana State Auditor and Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Helena, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Jon Jensen, Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America, Spartanburg, South Carolina; and Scott Trofholz, The Harry A. Koch Company, Omaha, Nebraska, on behalf of The Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers.

UNITED STATES FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine developments and opportunities in United States fisheries management, after receiving testimony from Eric Schwaab, Assistant Administrator for the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Robert Beal, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Executive Director, Arlington, Virginia; Randy Fisher, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission Executive Director, Portland, Oregon; Dave Donaldson, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission Assistant Director, Ocean Springs, Mississippi; James J. Gilmore, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Bureau of Marine Fisheries Director, East Setauket; Emerson C. Hasbrouck, Cornell University Cooperative Extension Marine Program, Riverhead, New York; and Thomas P. Fote, Jersey Coast Anglers Association, Toms River, New Jersey, on behalf of the New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs.

PAYMENT PROGRAMS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the options and challenges related to possible reauthorization and reform of two payment programs for local governments, focusing on the recently expired “Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act” and the “Payment in Lieu of Taxes”, after receiving testimony from Senator Baucus; Thomas Tidwell, Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Pamela K. Haze, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Budget, Finance, Performance and Acquisition; Anne-Marie Fennell, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Jay O’Laughlin, University of Idaho College of Natural Resources, Moscow; Mark Haggerty, Headwaters Economics, Bozeman, Montana; Paul J. Pearce, National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition, Stevenson, Washington; and Ryan R. Yates, National Association of Counties, Washington, D.C.

PRESIDENT’S TRADE AGENDA

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President’s 2013 trade agenda, after receiving testimony from Demetrios Marantis, Acting United States Trade Representative.

SYRIA’S HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a hearing to examine Syria’s humanitarian crisis, after receiving testimony from Anne C. Richard, Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees, and Migration; Nancy E. Lindborg, Assistant Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development; Antonio Guterres, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, New York, New York; and Tom Malinowski, Human Rights Watch, and Michael Singh, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, both of Washington, D.C.

RETIREMENT SAVINGS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine keeping savings in the retirement system, after receiving testimony from Matt Fellowes, HelloWallet, and Christian E. Weller, University of Massachusetts Boston, on behalf of the Center for American Progress Action Fund, both of Washington, D.C.; and Alison T. Borland, Aon Hewitt, Lincolnshire, Illinois.

AMERICAN AIRLINES/US AIRWAYS MERGER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the American Airlines/US Airways merger, focusing on consolidation, competition, and consumers, after receiving testimony from W. Douglas Parker, US Airways Group, Inc., Tempe, Arizona; Thomas W. Horton, AMR Corporation and American Airlines, Fort Worth, Texas; Diana L. Moss, American Antitrust Institute, Washington, D.C.; and William J. McGee, Consumers Union, New York, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gregory Alan Phillips, of Wyoming, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Enzi and Barrasso, and Karol Virginia Mason, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably its Biennial Report for the 112th Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 1244–1274; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 26–27; and H. Res. 127–129 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 127, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Twenty Eighth District of Texas (H. Rept. 113–22).

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