

House concur in the Senate amendment(s); the Senate amendment(s) and the motion shall be considered as read; the motion shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1680, H1680–81, H1681–82, H1694–95 and H1709–10. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a business meeting to consider the following measures: H.R. 634, the “Business Risk Mitigation and Price Stabilization Act of 2013”; H.R. 677, the “Inter-Affiliate Swap Clarification Act”; H.R. 742, the “Swap Data Repository and Clearinghouse Indemnification Correction Act of 2013”; H.R. 992, the “Swaps Regulatory Improvement Act”; H.R. 1003, to improve consideration by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission of the costs and benefits of its regulations and orders; H.R. 1038, the “Public Power Risk Management Act of 2013”; and H.R. 1256 to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to jointly adopt rules setting forth the application to cross-border swaps transactions of certain provisions relating to swaps that were enacted as part of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 634; H.R. 742; H.R. 1003; H.R. 1038; H.R. 1256; and H.R. 992. The following bill was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 677.

### APPROPRIATIONS—CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Children’s Mental Health Oversight. Testimony was heard from Pamela Hyde, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and Deb Delisle, Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

### APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL GUARD AND U.S. ARMY RESERVE OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve Oversight. Testimony was heard from General Frank J. Grass, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Lieutenant General William E. Ingram, Jr., Director, Army National Guard; Lieutenant General Stanley E. “Sid” Clarke III, Director, Air National Guard; and Lieutenant General Jeffrey W. Talley, Chief, U.S. Army Reserve; National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve Oversight.

### APPROPRIATIONS—CYBERSECURITY AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure. Testimony was heard from Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate; and Suzanne Spaulding, Deputy Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate.

### APPROPRIATIONS—MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Major Construction Projects of the Department of Energy Oversight. Testimony was heard from Bob Raines, Associate Administrator for Acquisition and Project Management, National Nuclear Security Administration; Jack Surash, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Project Management, Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy; Paul Bosco, Director, Office of Acquisition and Project Management, Department of Energy; Dave Trimble, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Mike Ferguson, Chief of Cost Engineering, Huntington District, Army Corps of Engineers; and William A. Eckroade, Principal Deputy Chief, Office of Health, Safety and Security, Department of Energy.

### APPROPRIATIONS—JUDICIARY OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Judiciary Oversight. Testimony was heard from Julia S. Gibbons, Chair, Committee on the Budget of the Judicial Conference of the United States; and Thomas F. Hogan, Director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

## APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Aeronautics and Space Administration Budget. Testimony was heard from Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

## U.S. NORTHERN COMMAND AND U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing on the Posture of the U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command. Testimony was heard from General Charles H. Jacoby, Jr., USA, Commander, U.S. Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command; and General John F. Kelly, USMC, Commander, U.S. Southern Command.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1120, the “Preventing Greater Uncertainty in Labor-Management Relations Act”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

## HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Health Information Technologies: How Innovation Benefits Patients”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## STATE OF COMMUNITY BANKING IN THE CURRENT REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “State of Community Banking: Is the Current Regulatory Environment Adversely Affecting Community Financial Institutions?”. Testimony was heard from the following Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation: Richard Brown, Chief Economist and Associate Director, Division of Insurance and Research; Doreen Eberley, Director, Division of Risk Management Supervision; Bret Edwards, Director, Division of Resolutions and Receiverships; Jon T. Rymer, Inspector General; and Lawrence L. Evans, Jr., Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

## CRISIS IN SYRIA: THE U.S. RESPONSE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Crisis in Syria: The U.S. Response”. Testimony was heard from Robert S. Ford, American Ambassador to Syria; Anne C. Richard, Assistant Secretary Bureau for Population, Refugees,

and Migration, Department of State; and Nancy E. Lindborg, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance; United States Agency for International Development.

## HEZBOLLAH’S STRATEGIC SHIFT: A GLOBAL TERRORIST THREAT

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing on “Hezbollah’s Strategic Shift: A Global Terrorist Threat”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MEASURING OUTCOMES TO UNDERSTAND THE STATE OF BORDER SECURITY

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Measuring Outcomes to Understand the State of Border Security”. 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; Mark Borkowski, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Technology Innovation and Acquisition, Customs and Border Protection; and Veronica Escobar, Judge, El Paso County, Texas.

## CYBER THREATS FROM CHINA, RUSSIA AND IRAN: PROTECTING AMERICAN CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technology held a hearing entitled “Cyber Threats from China, Russia and Iran: Protecting American Critical Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law began a markup on H.R. 367, the “Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2013”; and H.R. 982, the “Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act of 2012”. The Committee ordered reported, without amendment H.R. 367. The Committee did not complete action on H.R. 982.

## THE REGISTER’S CALL FOR UPDATES TO U.S. COPYRIGHT LAW

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The Register’s Call for Updates to U.S. Copyright Law”. Testimony was heard from Maria Pallante, Register of Copyright, U.S. Copyright Office.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 527, the “Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act”; H.R. 254, the “Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act”; H.R. 291, the “Black Hills Cemetery Act”; H.R. 507, the “Pascua Yaqui Tribe Trust Land Act”; H.R. 588, the “Vietnam Veterans Donor Acknowledgment Act of 2013”; H.R. 678, the “Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act”; H.R. 716, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the city of Vancouver, Washington, and for other purposes; H.R. 1033, the “American Battlefield Protection Program Amendments Act of 2013”; and H.R. 1159, the “Cabin Fee Act of 2013”. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 254; H.R. 291; H.R. 507; H.R. 588; H.R. 678; H.R. 716; and H.R. 1033. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 527; and H.R. 1159.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a business meeting to consider the following: H.R. 1232, the “Federal Information Technology Acquisition and Reform Act”; H.R. 1211, the “FOIA Oversight and Implementation Act of 2013”; H.R. 1163, the “Federal Information Security Amendments Act of 2013”; H.R. 1162, the “Government Accountability Office Improvement Act”; H.R. 1233, the “Presidential and Federal Records Act Amendments of 2013”; H.R. 1234, the “Electronic Message Preservation Act”; H.R. 328, the “Excess Federal Building and Property Disposal Act of 2013”; H.R. 1133, the “Presidential Library Donation Reform Act”; H.R. 1104, the “Federal Advisory Committee Reform Act”; H.R. 249, the “Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act of 2013”; H.R. 882, the “Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2013”; H.R. 313, the “Government Spending Accountability Act of 2013”; and H.R. 1246, the “DC CFO Vacancy Act.” The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 249; H.R. 882; H.R. 328; H.R. 1163; H.R. 1232; H.R. 1162; H.R. 1133; H.R. 1104; and H.R. 1246. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 313; H.R. 1211; H.R. 1233; and H.R. 1234.

**IMPROVING EPA’S SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY PROCESSES**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Improving EPA’s Scientific Advisory Processes.” Testimony was heard from Michael Honeycutt, Chief Toxicologist, Texas Commission on Environmental

Quality; Roger McClellan, Advisor, Toxicology and Human Health Risk Analysis; and a public witness.

**EXAMINING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF NIST LABORATORIES**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing entitled “Examining the Effectiveness of NIST Laboratories”. Testimony was heard from Willie E. May, Associate Director for Laboratory Programs, National Institute of Standards and Technology; and a public witness.

**INEFFICIENCIES AND DUPLICATION ACROSS FEDERAL PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Entrepreneurial Assistance: Examining Inefficiencies and Duplication Across Federal Programs.” Testimony was heard from William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investments, Government Accountability Office; Michael A. Chodos, Associate Administrator for Entrepreneurial Development, Office of Entrepreneurial Development, Small Business Administration; and Doug O’Brien, Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture.

**EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND WORKLOAD MANAGEMENT TO IMPROVE DISABILITY CLAIMS PROCESSING**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Focusing on People: A Review of VA’s Plans for Employee Training, Accountability, and Workload Management to Improve Disability Claims Processing.” Testimony was heard from Allison Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Diana Rubens, Deputy Under Secretary for Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**CHALLENGES OF ACHIEVING FAIR AND CONSISTENT DISABILITY DECISIONS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled “Challenges of Achieving Fair and Consistent Disability Decisions.” Testimony was heard from Patrick P. O’Carroll, Jr., Inspector General, Social Security Administration; and Arthur R. Spencer, Associate Commissioner, Office of Disability Programs, Social Security Administration; and public witnesses.

**FINANCIAL PRODUCTS TAX REFORM**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing entitled “Financial Products Tax Reform.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Sarah Jewell, of Washington, to be Secretary of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Asia, focusing on democracy, good governance and human rights, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security at 10 years, focusing on a progress report on management, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Jane Kelly, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, and Kenneth John Gonzales, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, 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,* March 21, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science, and Related Agencies, hearing for Members of Congress and outside witnesses, 9:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 21, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, hearing on Federal Transit Administration Oversight, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies, hearing on USDA Inspector General Oversight, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* March 21, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on an Update on Military Suicide Prevention, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* March 21, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing on “Our Nation of Builders: The Strength of Steel”, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Health Information Technologies: Administration Perspectives on Innovation and Regulation”, 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* March 21, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled “Cyber Attacks: An Unprecedented Threat to U.S. National Security”, 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* March 21, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 910, the “Sikes Act Reauthorization Act of 2013”; and H.R. 1080, to amend the Sikes Act to promote the use of cooperative agreements under such an Act for land management related to Department of Defense readiness activities and to amend title 10, United States Code, to facilitate inter-agency cooperation in conservation programs to avoid or reduce adverse impacts on military readiness activities, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 21, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on “America’s Mineral Resources: Creating Mining and Manufacturing Jobs and Securing America”; H.R. 1063, the “National Strategic and Critical Minerals Policy Act of 2013”; H.R. 687, the “South-east Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013”; H.R. 697, the “Three Kids Mine Remediation and Reclamation Act”; H.R. 761, the “Critical and Strategic Minerals Production Act”; H.R. 767, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project; H.R. 957, the “American Soda Ash Competitiveness Act”; and H.R. 981, the “Resource Assessment of Rare Earths Act of 2013”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Small Business,* March 21, Subcommittee on Health and Technology, hearing entitled, “Protecting Small Businesses Against Emerging and Complex Cyber-Attacks,” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* March 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.