

AMERICAN FREIGHT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine expanding the Panama Canal, focusing on what it means for American freight and infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Jeff Kever, Virginia Port Authority, Senior Deputy Executive Director, Norfolk; John Vickerman, Vickerman and Associates, Williamsburg, Virginia; Edward R. Hamberger, Association of American Railroads, Washington, DC; and Philip L. Byrd, Sr., Bulldog Hiway Express, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of The American Trucking Associations.

INTELLIGENCE UPDATE ON SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on an intelligence update on Syria from national security briefers.

BORDER SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine border security, focusing on frontline perspectives on progress and remaining challenges, after receiving testimony from Randolph Alles, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Air and Marine, Michael J. Fisher, Chief, United States Border Patrol, and Kevin McAleenan, Acting Deputy Commissioner, all of United States Customs and Border Protection, and James A. Dinkins, Executive Associate Director, Homeland Security Investigations, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, all of the Department of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 689, Mental Health Awareness and Improvement Act of 2013, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Jenny R. Yang, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

INDIAN HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine identifying barriers to Indian housing development and finding solutions, after receiving testimony from Rodger J. Boyd, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Native American Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Cheryl A. Causley, National American Indian Housing Council, Washington, DC; Annette Bryan, Puyallup Nation Housing Authority, Tacoma, Washington; Paul Iron Cloud, Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing, Pine Ridge, South Dakota; and Russell Sossamon, Choctaw National Housing Authority, Durant, Oklahoma.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Srikanth Srinivasan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Kaine, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

TAX-RELATED IDENTITY THEFT

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax-related identity theft, focusing on an epidemic facing seniors and taxpayers, after receiving testimony from Kathryn Keneally, Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division, Department of Justice; J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury; Sal Augeri, Tampa Police Department, Tampa, Florida; and Marcy Hossli, Palm Beach, Florida.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 1454–1482; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 29–30; and H.Res. 145, 147–150 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 146, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1120) to prohibit the National Labor Relations Board from taking any action that requires a quorum of the members of the Board until such time as Board constituting a quorum shall have been confirmed by the Senate, the Supreme Court issues

a decision on the constitutionality of the appointments to the Board made in January 2012, or the adjournment sine die of the first session of the 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–32).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ribble to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:56 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Electing Members to the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library and the Joint Committee on Printing: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 142, to elect Members to the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library and the Joint Committee on Printing.

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Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act: The House passed H.R. 678, to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 416 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 96.

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Rejected the Garamendi motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 194 yeas to 226 nays, Roll No. 95. **Pages H1888–89**

Agreed to:

Tipton amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2013) that requires the Bureau of Reclamation to apply its categorical exclusion process under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to small conduit hydropower development, excluding siting of associated transmission facilities on Federal lands and

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Tipton amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2013) that makes technical changes relating to policy and procedure-setting with respect to irrigation districts or water users associations.

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Rejected:

Napolitano amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2013) that sought to strike the paragraph in the bill containing requirements regarding the application of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to small conduit hydropower development and to change the definition of small conduit hydropower to mean a facility capable of producing 15 megawatts or less of electric capacity (by a recorded vote of 189 yeas to 232 nays, Roll No. 94).

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H. Res. 140, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after the pre-

vious question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 236 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 93. **Pages H1874–78**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress his Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2014—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–3).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1877–78, H1887–88, H1889, H1889–90. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. PACIFIC COMMAND AND U.S. FORCES KOREA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea. Testimony was heard from Admiral Samuel J. Locklear III, U.S. Navy, Commander, United States Pacific Command; General James D. Thurman, U.S. Army, Commander, United Nations Command; Commander, Republic of Korea-United States Combined Forces Command; and Commander United States Forces Korea.

APPROPRIATIONS—CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on U.S. Capitol Police. Testimony was heard from Chief Kim Dine, Chief of Police.

APPROPRIATIONS—SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Small Business Administration Oversight. Testimony was heard from Peggy Gustafson, Inspector General, Small Business Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—REGULATORY APPROACHES TO FOSTER ECONOMIC GROWTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing entitled “Regulatory Approaches to Foster Economic Growth”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.