

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2657-S2696

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 731–744, and S. Res. 98–100. **Pages S2683-84**

Measures Passed:

Honoring British Prime Minister Baroness Margaret Thatcher: Senate agreed to S. Res. 98, honoring the life, legacy, and example of British Prime Minister Baroness Margaret Thatcher. **Page S2670**

Public Service Recognition Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 99, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition Week. **Page S2696**

Congratulating the University of Louisville Men's and Women's Basketball Teams: Senate agreed to S. Res. 100, commending and congratulating the University of Louisville men's basketball team for winning its third Division I National Collegiate Athletic Association championship, and the University of Louisville women's basketball team for being runner up in the 2013 Women's Division I National Collegiate Athletic Association Basketball Tournament. **Page S2696**

Measures Considered:

Safe Communities, Safe Schools Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 649, to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2663–65, S2666–70, S2670–76, S2676–79**

Pending:

Manchin Amendment No. 715, to protect Second Amendment rights, ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and provide a responsible and consistent background check process. **Page S2663**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the following amendments be in order to be called up: Grassley substitute amendment consistent with the summary which is at the desk; Leahy/Collins Amendment No. 713; Cornyn Amendment No. 719; Feinstein Amendment No. 711; Burr Amendment No. 720; Lautenberg/Blumenthal Amendment No. 714; Barrasso Amendment No. 717; and Harkin/Alexander amendment relative to mental health, the text of which is at the desk; that following Leader remarks on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, the time until 4:00 p.m. be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, to debate the amendments concurrently; that at 4 p.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Manchin Amendment No. 715 (listed above); that upon disposition of Manchin Amendment No. 715, Senate vote on or in relation to the remaining pending amendments in the order listed; that all of the amendments be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold; that no other amendments or motions to commit be in order to any of these amendments or the bill prior to the votes; that there be two minutes equally divided prior to each vote and all after the first vote be ten minute votes. **Page S2679**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 17, 2013. **Page S2696**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 and adjourned at 2:06 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, until 9:30 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2696.)

Committee Meetings*(Committees not listed did not meet)***SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN**

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from General Joseph F. Dunford, Commander, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, Department of Defense.

BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget and revenue request for fiscal year 2014, after receiving testimony from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary of the Treasury.

AVIATION SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine aviation safety, focusing on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) progress on key safety initiatives, including FAA's aircraft certification process and use of data to enhance safety and improve aviation oversight, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, and Jeffrey B. Guzzetti, Assistant Inspector General for Aviation and Special Programs, both of the Department of Transportation; Deborah A.P. Hersman, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, and Barbara Cooper, Acting Director, Strategic Planning, Budget, and Accountability, both of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

WATER AND POWER BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing

to examine S. 211, to amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions, S. 284, a bill to transfer certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to Fort Sumner Irrigation District, New Mexico, S. 510, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, Utah S. 659, to reauthorize the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, S.J. Res. 12, to consent to certain amendments enacted by the legislature of the State of Hawaii to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Act, 1920 H.R. 316, to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects, S. 684, to amend the Mni Wiconi Project Act of 1988 to facilitate completion of the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System, S. 693, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, and S. 715, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects, after receiving testimony from Senator Baucus; Robert Quint, Senior Advisor, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and Jon Katz, Deputy Associate General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

TAX FRAUD AND TAX IDENTITY THEFT

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax fraud and tax identity theft, focusing on moving forward with solutions, after receiving testimony from Steven T. Miller, Acting Commissioner, and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, both of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Marianna LaCanfora, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Retirement and Disability Policy, Social Security Administration; and Jeffrey A. Porter, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Huntington, West Virginia.

CONFLICT IN EASTERN CONGO

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine ongoing conflict in Eastern Congo, after receiving testimony from John Prendergast, The Enough Project, Mvemba Phezo Dizolele, Eastern Congo Initiative, and Federico Borello, Humanity United, all of Washington, D.C.; and Reverend Muhigirwa Rusembuka Ferdinand, Arrupe Research and Training Center, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 657, to eliminate conditions in foreign prisons and other detention facilities that do not meet primary indicators of health, sanitation, and safety;

S. Res. 90, standing with the people of Kenya following their national and local elections on March 4, 2013, and urging a peaceful and credible resolution of electoral disputes in the courts, with amendments;

S. Res. 65, strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation, with an amendment;

The nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund, United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank, and United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; and

A promotion list in the Foreign Service.

COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine college affordability, after receiving testimony from Ethan Senack, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Washington, D.C.; Sara Goldrick-Rab, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Derrica Donelson, Nashville, Tennessee; and Vivica Brooks, Bowie, Maryland.

ANTITRUST LAWS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded an oversight hearing to examine the enforcement of the antitrust laws, after receiving testimony from William J. Baer, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and Edith Ramirez, Chairwoman, Federal Trade Commission.

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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 1576–1589; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 162–163, 165, were introduced. **Pages H2065–66**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2066**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1163, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to revise requirements relating to Federal information security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–40) and

H. Res. 164, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 624) to provide for the sharing of certain cyber threat intelligence and cyber threat information between the intelligence community and cybersecurity entities, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–41). **Page H2065**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2029**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2033**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Rothfus, wherein he resigned from both the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Homeland Security. **Page H2033**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 162, electing a Member to a standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H2033**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Federal Information Security Amendments Act of 2013: H.R. 1163, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to revise requirements relating to Federal information security, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 106; **Pages H2037–42, H2053–54**

Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2013: H.R. 756, amended, to advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 107; and **Pages H2042–48, H2054**

Advancing America’s Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act of

2013: H.R. 967, amended, to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize activities for support of networking and information technology research, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 406 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 108.

Pages H2048–53, H2054–55

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 163, electing a Member to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. Page H2055

Recess: The House recessed at 3:35 p.m. and reconvened at 6:01 p.m. Page H2063

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2053–54, H2054, and H2054–55. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—PUBLIC AND OUTSIDE WITNESSES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing for public and outside witnesses. Testimony was heard from public and outside witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—USDA BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the USDA Budget. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Thomas Vilsack, Secretary; Joseph Glauber, Chief Economist; and Michael Young, Budget Officer.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from Chuck Hagel, Secretary, Department of Defense; General Martin E. Dempsey, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, United States Army; and Robert Hale, Undersecretary, Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES COAST GUARD FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on United States Coast Guard Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., Commandant United States Coast Guard.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Department of Labor Budget. Testimony was heard from Seth D. Harris, Acting Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Department of Labor.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FISCAL YEAR 2014 REQUEST

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development held a hearing on Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2014 Request. Testimony was heard from Ray LaHood, Secretary, Department of Transportation.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2014 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Navy. Testimony was heard from General James F. Amos, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, U.S. Marine Corps; Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy; Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy.

READINESS POSTURE OF THE U.S. ARMY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “The Readiness Posture of the U.S. Army”. Testimony was heard from Brigadier General Walter E. Fountain, Acting Deputy Director, U.S. Army National Guard; Lieutenant General James L. Huggins, Jr., Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, U.S. Army; Lieutenant General Raymond V. Mason, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, U.S. Army; Major General Luis R. Visot, Deputy Commanding General for Operations, U.S. Army Reserve.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2014 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Department of Defense Science and Technology Programs”. Testimony was heard from RADM Matthew Klunder, Chief of Naval Research, U.S. Department of the Navy; Mary Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology, U.S. Army; Arati Prabhakar, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency; Alan Shaffer, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering; David Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of

the Air Force for Science, Technology and Engineering, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition.

THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2014 REVENUE AND ECONOMIC POLICY PROPOSALS

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The President's Fiscal Year 2014 Revenue and Economic Policy Proposals". Testimony was heard from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

KEEPING COLLEGE WITHIN REACH: THE ROLE OF FEDERAL STUDENT AID PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training held a hearing entitled "Keeping College Within Reach: The Role of Federal Student Aid Programs". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONTINUING INVESTIGATION INTO THE FUNGAL MENINGITIS OUTBREAK AND WHETHER IT COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "A Continuing Investigation into the Fungal Meningitis Outbreak and Whether It Could Have Been Prevented". Testimony was heard from Margaret A. Hamburg, MD, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a markup on H.R. 3, the "Northern Route Approval Act". The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

EXAMINING COMMUNITY BANK REGULATORY BURDENS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "Examining Community Bank Regulatory Burdens". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DOES DOD-FRANK AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNMENT TO BREAK UP FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS?

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Who is Too Big to Fail: Does Dodd-Frank Authorize the Government to Break Up Financial Institutions?". Testimony was heard from Scott G. Alvarez, General Counsel, Federal Reserve Board of Governors; Richard J. Osterman, Jr., Acting General

Counsel, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and James Wigand, Director, Office of Complex Financial Institutions, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

CHINA'S RAPID POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ADVANCES IN CENTRAL ASIA AND RUSSIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled "China's Rapid Political and Economic Advances in Central Asia and Russia". Testimony was heard from Stephen J. Blank, Research Professor of National Security Affairs, U.S. Army War College; and public witnesses.

KENYA'S 2013 ELECTIONS: AN EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE MODEL

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations held a hearing entitled "Kenya's 2013 Elections: An Effective Assistance Model?". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISMANAGEMENT AT THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Mismanagement at the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ABUSIVE PATENT LITIGATION: THE ISSUES IMPACTING AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS AND JOB CREATION AT THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION AND BEYOND

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Abusive Patent Litigation: The Issues Impacting American Competitiveness and Job Creation at the International Trade Commission and Beyond". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 250, to amend the Antiquities Act of 1906 to place additional requirements on the establishment of national monuments under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 382, the "Preserve Land Freedom for Americans Act"; H.R. 432, to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress; H.R. 758, the "Utah Land Sovereignty Act"; H.R. 1512, the

“New Mexico Land Sovereignty Act”; H.R. 1434, the “Montana Land Sovereignty Act”; H.R. 1439, the “Idaho Land Sovereignty Act”; H.R. 1459, the “Ensuring Public Involvement in the Creation of National Monuments Act”; H.R. 855, the “San Antonio Missions National Historical Park Boundary Expansion Act of 2013”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Labrador, Stewart, Daines, Gosar, Chaffetz, Foxx, and Doggett; John Jones, Commissioner, Carbon County, UT; Molly Ward, Mayor, City of Hampton, VA; and a public witness.

NORTHERN ROUTE APPROVAL ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 3, the “Northern Route Approval Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION; FOUR POWER MARKETING ADMINISTRATIONS; AND U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY’S WATER PROGRAM PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2014 SPENDING PRIORITIES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing entitled “Examining the Proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Reclamation; the Four Power Marketing Administrations; and the U.S. Geological Survey’s Water Program”. Testimony was heard from Michael L. Connor, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; Bill Drummond, Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration, Mark Gabriel, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration; Christopher Turner, Acting Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration; Kenneth Legg, Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration; and Jerad Bales, Acting Associate Director for the Water Mission Area, U.S. Geological Survey.

ASSESSING THE FEDERAL EFFORTS TO MINIMIZE THE SEQUESTER’S IMPACT ON ACCESS TO OUR NATION’S CAPITAL AND NATIONAL TREASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Open to Visitors? Assessing the Federal Efforts to Minimize the Sequester’s Impact on Access to Our Nation’s Capital and National Treasures”. Testimony was heard from David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration; Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director, National Park Service; and G. Wayne Clough, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution.

CYBER INTELLIGENCE SHARING AND PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 624, the “Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structure rule for H.R. 624. The rule provides for one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–7 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in a nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rogers (MI), and Representatives Ruppertsberger, Barton, Schiff, Schakowsky, Franks (AZ), Jackson Lee, Polis, and Johnson (GA).

ASSESSING THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF WIND ENERGY INCENTIVES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Oversight and Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Assessing the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Wind Energy Incentives”. Testimony was heard from Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and the Environment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

FOUNDATIONS FOR A NEW WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “The Foundations for a New Water Resources Development Act”. Testimony was heard from Harry Simmons, Mayor, Caswell Beach, NC; and public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE U.S. COAST GUARD AND RELATED MARINE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2014 budget request for the U.S. Coast Guard and related marine transportation programs. Testimony was heard from Admiral Robert Papp, Commandant, United States Coast Guard; Master Chief Michael Leavitt, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, United States Coast Guard; David Matsuda, Administrator, Maritime Administration; and Mario Cordero, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 569, the "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2013"; H.R. 570, the "American Heroes COLA Act"; H.R. 602, the "Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act"; H.R. 671, the "Ruth Moore Act of 2013"; H.R. 679, the "Honor America's Guard-Reserve Retirees Act"; H.R. 733, the "Access to Veterans Benefits Improvement Act"; H.R. 894, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 1405, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include an appeals form in any notice of decision issued for the denial of a benefit sought. Testimony was heard from Representatives Johnson (OH), Pingree, and Walz; David R. McLenachen, Director, Pension and Fiduciary Service, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

IMPLEMENTATION OF 2012 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REFORMS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the Implementation of 2012 Unemployment Insurance Reforms. Testimony was heard from Bill Starks, Director, Unemployment Insurance Division, Utah Department of Workforce Services; Tommy Williams, Texas State Senator; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D277)

S. 716, to modify the requirements under the STOCK Act regarding online access to certain financial disclosure statements and related forms. Signed on April 15, 2013. (Public Law 113-7)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the National Guard and Reserve, 9 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Education, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a briefing on the situation in Syria, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine nuclear forces and policies in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine helping homeowners harmed by foreclosures, focusing on ensuring accountability and transparency in foreclosure reviews, part 2, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to consider the nomination of Sylvia Mathews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the future of passenger rail, focusing on what's next for the Northeast Corridor, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Homeland Security; to be immediately followed by a

business meeting to consider the nomination of Sylvia Mathews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014 for the Small Business Administration, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, continued hearing for public and outside witnesses, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies, hearing on USDA Research, Education, and Economic Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Customs and Border Protection Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development Fiscal Year 2014 Request, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science and Related Agencies, hearing on Federal Bureau of Prisons, 10:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, hearing on Department of State Fiscal Year 2014 Budget, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Recent Developments in Afghanistan", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2014 Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Combat Aviation Programs", 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2014 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for U.S. Special Operations Command and U.S. Special Operations Forces", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1406, the "Working Families Flexibility Act of 2013", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1549, the "Helping Sick Americans Now Act"; H.R. 1580, to affirm the policy of the United States regarding Internet governance; and H.R. 3, the "Northern Route Approval Act", 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Examining the SEC's Failure to Implement the JOBS Act and its Impact on Economic Growth", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Securing U.S. Interests Abroad: The FY 2014 Foreign Affairs Budget", 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, meeting to Authorize the Chairman to issue a subpoena to the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled "State Lands vs. Federal Lands Oil and Gas Production: What State Regulators are Doing Right", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Options to Bring the Postal Service Back from Insolvency", 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled "Contracting to Feed U.S. Troops in Afghanistan: How did the Defense Department end up in Multi-Billion Dollar Billing Dispute?", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled "A Review of President's FY 2014 Budget Request for Science Agencies", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Research, hearing entitled "An Overview of the National Science Foundation Budget for Fiscal Year 2014", 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Health Care Law: Implementation and Small Businesses", 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, hearing entitled "GAO Review: Are Additional Federal Courthouses Justified?", 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 649, Safe Communities, Safe Schools Act, with a series of up to 9 roll call votes at approximately 4 p.m.

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