

into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services, S. 340, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 341, to designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness, S. 342, to designate the Pine Forest Range Wilderness area in Humboldt County, Nevada, S. 353, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the State of Oregon, S. 360, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service, S. 366, to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to require the Bureau of Land Management to provide a claimant of a small miner waiver from claim maintenance fees with a period of 60 days after written receipt of 1 or more defects is provided to the claimant by registered mail to cure the 1 or more defects or pay the claim maintenance fee, S. 368, to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, S. 447, to provide for the conveyance of certain cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota, S. 609, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, New Mexico, S. 736, to establish a maximum amount for special use permit fees applicable to certain cabins on National Forest Sys-

tem land in the State of Alaska, and S. 757, to provide for the implementation of the multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River, Nevada, and Lincoln County, Nevada, to extend the authority to purchase certain parcels of public land, after receiving testimony from Senators Reid and Baucus; James M. Pena, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Jamie Connell, Acting Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

REBALANCE TO ASIA II

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine rebalance to Asia II, focusing on security, defense, cooperation, and challenges, after receiving testimony from Joseph Y. Yun, Acting Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; David Helvey, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia, Asian and Pacific Security Affairs; and Janine Davidson, Center for a New American Security, and Michael J. Green, Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 607, to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications, with amendments.

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: 43 public bills, H.R. 1721–1763; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 180–184, were introduced. **Pages H2349–51**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2353–54**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Collins (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2301**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2310**

HIT Policy Committee—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the HIT Policy Committee: Mrs. Gayle Harrell of Stuart, FL. **Page H2322**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow. **Page H2322**

Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 527, to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow. **Pages H2323–27**

H. Res. 178, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 124. **Pages H2315–22**

Agreed to the Bishop (UT) amendment to the rule by voice vote, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Page H2322**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2315.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H2322. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on American Indian and Alaska Native issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—USDA FARM AND FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies held a hearing on USDA Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Michael Scuse, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services; Juan Garcia, Administrator, Farm Service Agency; Suzanne Heinen, Foreign Agriculture Service; Brandon Willis, Administrator, Risk Management Agency; and Michael Young, Budget Officer.

APPROPRIATIONS—AFRICOM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on AFRICOM. This was a closed hearing.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the Department of Treasury Budget. Testimony

was heard from Jack Lew, Secretary, Department of Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services Budget. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development held a hearing on the Federal Railroad Administration Budget. Testimony was heard from Joseph Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2014 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Army”. Testimony was heard from John McHugh, Secretary of the Army; and General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff, United States Army.

TRANSITIONING TO AFGHAN SECURITY LEAD: PROTECTING AFGHAN WOMEN

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Transitioning to Afghan Security Lead: Protecting Afghan Women?”. Testimony was heard from David Sedney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Afghan Policy; Office of the Secretary of Defense; and Major General Michael Shields, USA, Director of the Pakistan-Afghanistan Coordination Cell, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION—NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE ACTIVITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2014 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for National Security Space Activities”. Testimony was heard from Gil Klinger, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Space and Intelligence Office; Doug Loverro, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Space Policy; Betty Sapp, Director, National Reconnaissance Office; and General William Shelton, USAF, Commander, USAF Space Command.