

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 39 public bills, H.R. 2083–2121; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 47–48; H. Con. Res. 38; and H. Res. 231, 233 were introduced. **Pages H2909–13**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2913–14**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 232, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1911) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish interest rates for new loans made on or after July 1, 2013, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–89). **Page H2909**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative McClintock to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2841**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:56 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2848**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Dr. Ken Whitten, Idlewild Baptist Church, Lutz, Florida. **Page H2848**

Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Democratic Leader, in which she appointed Mr. Robert E. “Bud” Cramer of Huntsville, AL to the Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities. **Page H2852**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the devastating tornadoes in Oklahoma and Texas. **Page H2861**

Northern Route Approval Act: The House passed H.R. 3, to approve the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Keystone XL pipeline, by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 175 noes with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 179. **Pages H2852–95**

Rejected the Bishop (NY) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 194 yeas to 223 nays, Roll No. 178. **Pages H2892–93**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–11 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendments in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Energy and Commerce, and Natural Resources now printed in the bill. **Page H2875**

Agreed to:

Cohen amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 113–88) that requires TransCanada to submit its oil spill response plan, and any updates to the plan, to the Governors of each State in which the Keystone XL pipeline operates. TransCanada is required to develop such a plan under current law and regulations; only certain Federal agencies receive and review the plan and **Pages H2884–85**

Weber (TX) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 113–88) that adds to the findings in Section 2 highlighting the State Department’s scientific and environmental findings which conclude that the Keystone XL pipeline is a safe and environmentally sound project (by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 168 noes, Roll No. 169). **Pages H2876–77, H2886–87**

Rejected:

Waxman amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–88) that sought to add a finding that “the reliance on oil sands crudes for transportation fuels would likely result in an increase in incremental greenhouse gas emissions” in the United States, resulting in additional greenhouse gas emissions equal to 4.3 million passenger vehicles. Also provided that the bill would not go into effect unless the President found that TransCanada or tar sands producers will fully offset the additional greenhouse gas emissions (by a recorded vote of 146 ayes to 269 noes, Roll No. 170); **Pages H2877–78, H2887**

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 113–88) that sought to require a study on the health impacts of increased air pollution in communities surrounding the refineries that will transport diluted bitumen through the proposed Keystone XL pipeline (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 171); **Pages H2878–79, H2887–88**

Connolly amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 113–88) that sought to require a threat assessment of pipeline vulnerabilities to terrorist attack and corrective actions necessary to protect the pipeline from such an attack and to mitigate any resulting spill (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 172); **Pages H2879–80, H2888–89**

Rahall amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 113–88) that sought to strike section 3 of the bill (Keystone XL Permit Approval). Section 3 eliminates the requirement for a Presidential Permit to construct the Keystone XL pipeline across an international border. Section 3 further deems the new application for the Keystone XL pipeline approved, based on a final environmental impact statement

issued by the U.S. Department of State for a different pipeline route (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 173); **Pages H2880–81, H2889**

Esty amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 113–88) that sought to remove the mandate to allow one specifically named company to never receive appropriate oversight through the permit process for operation and/or maintenance—in perpetuity, while allowing construction permit fast-track (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 174); **Pages H2881–82, H2889–90**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 113–88) that sought to lengthen the time period for filing a claim under the Act from 60 days to 1 year (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 175); **Pages H2882–83, H2890**

Chu amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 113–88) that sought to requires the GAO to conduct a study and prepare a report of the Keystone XL pipeline to determine the total projected costs of pipeline spill cleanup, including the potential impacts of a petroleum spill on public health and the environment and the quantity and quality of water available for agricultural and municipal purposes (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 176); and **Pages H2883–84, H2890–91**

Holt amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 113–88) that sought to increase American energy independence by requiring that all oil and refined fuels transported through the Keystone XL Pipeline be used here in the United States and not exported, unless the President finds that an exception is required by law or in the national interest (by a recorded vote of 162 ayes to 255 noes, Roll No. 177). **Pages H2885–86, H2891–92**

H. Res. 228, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 168, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 167. **Pages H2860–62**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow. **Page H2895**

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

Improving Postsecondary Education Data for Students Act: H.R. 1949, amended, to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level and **Pages H2895–98**

Resolving Environmental and Grid Reliability Conflicts Act of 2013: H.R. 271, to clarify that compliance with an emergency order under section

202(c) of the Federal Power Act may not be considered a violation of any Federal, State, or local environmental law or regulation. **Pages H2898–99**

Migratory Bird Conservation Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Representatives Wittman and Dingell. **Pages H2899–H2900**

Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission: Mr. Dov S. Zakheim of Silver Spring, MD and Mr. Michael R. Higgins of Washington, DC. **Page H2900**

Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Democratic Leader, in which she re-appointed Representative McGovern as Co-Chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. **Page H2900**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2852.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and 11 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2860–61, H2861–62, H2886–87, H2887, H2887–88, H2888–89, H2889, H2889–90, H2890, H2890–91, H2891–92, H2892–93 and H2894. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on Homeland Security Appropriations Bill for FY 2014. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a markup on H.R. 1960, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014". The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

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Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a markup on H.R. 1960, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014". The bill was forwarded, without amendment.