

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.

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*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection 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 Military Personnel held a markup on H.R. 1960, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014”. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

**EXAMINING THE REGULATORY AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS OF THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Examining the Regulatory and Enforcement Actions of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission”. Testimony was heard from Jacqueline A. Berrien, Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

**EXAMINING SAMHSA’S ROLE IN DELIVERING SERVICES TO THE SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining SAMHSA’s Role in Delivering Services to the Severely Mentally Ill”. Testimony was heard from Pamela S. Hyde, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade began a markup on H.R. 2052, the “Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2013”.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “Federal and State Partnership for Environmental Protection Act of 2013; the “Reducing Excessive Deadline Obligations Act of 2013;” and the “Federal Facility Accountability Act of 2013”. Testimony was heard from Carolyn Hanson, Deputy Executive Director, Environmental Council of the States; Jeffery Steers, Director, Central Office Division of Land Protection and Revitalization, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality; Dan Miller, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources and Environment Section, Colorado Department of Law; Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, Office of

Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Thomas Duch, City Manager, Garfield, New Jersey; David M. Bearden, Specialist in Environmental Policy, Congressional Research Service; and David Trimble, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Annual Report of the Financial Stability Oversight Council”. Testimony was heard from Jacob Lew, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

**ARE LARGE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IMMUNE FROM FEDERAL PROSECUTION?**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Who Is Too Big to Fail: Are Large Financial Institutions Immune from Federal Prosecution?”. Testimony was heard from Mythili Raman, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 850, the “Nuclear Iran Prevention Act of 2013”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

**MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA FY 2014 BUDGET: PRIORITIES AND CHALLENGES**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “The Middle East and North Africa FY 2014 Budget: Priorities and Challenges”. Testimony was heard from Beth Jones, Acting Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; Alina L. Romanowski, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for the Middle East, U.S. Agency for International Development.

**ASSESSING THE THREAT TO THE HOMELAND FROM AL QAEDA OPERATIONS IN IRAN AND SYRIA**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “Assessing the Threat to the Homeland from al Qaeda Operations in Iran and Syria”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### PROTECTING U.S. CITIZENS' CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS DURING THE WAR ON TERROR

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Protecting U.S. Citizens' Constitutional Rights During the War on Terror". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT; AND IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing on S. 744, the "Border Security, Economic Opportunity and Immigration Modernization Act"; and the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986: Lessons Learned or Mistakes Repeated?". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 1964, the "National Petroleum Reserve Alaska Access Act"; H.R. 1965, the "Federal Lands Jobs and Energy Security Act"; H.R. 1394, the "Planning for American Energy Act of 2013"; H.R. 555, the "BLM Live Internet Auctions Act". Testimony was heard from Jamie Connell, BLM Acting Deputy Director, Department of the Interior; Dan Sullivan, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, State of Alaska, Charlotte E. Brower, Mayor, North Slope Borough; and public witnesses.

### IRS TARGETING AMERICANS FOR THEIR POLITICAL BELIEFS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The IRS Targeting Americans for Their Political Beliefs". Testimony was heard from Neal S. Wolin, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury; J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; and a public witness.

### SMARTER SOLUTIONS FOR STUDENTS ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1911, the "Smarter Solutions for Students Act". The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–2, a closed rule for H.R. 1911. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–12 shall be considered as

adopted. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Section 2 of the rule directs the Clerk to, in the engrossment of H.R. 1911, add the text of H.R. 1949 as passed by the House as a new matter at the end of H.R. 1911 and make conforming modifications in the engrossment. Section 3 of the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from May 24, 2013, through May 31, 2013: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. Section 4 of the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 3 of the resolution. Section 5 of the rule provides that the Committee on Appropriations may, at any time before 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, file privileged reports to accompany measures making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. Section 6 of the rule provides that the Committee on Agriculture may, at any time before 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, file a report to accompany H.R. 1947. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kline, and Representatives George Miller (CA), Davis (CA), Courtney, Rice, and Edwards.

### EXASCALE COMPUTING CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled "Exascale Computing Challenges and Opportunities". Testimony was heard from Roscoe Giles, Chairman, Advanced Scientific Computing Advisory Committee; Rick Stevens, Associate Laboratory Director for Computing, Environment and Life Sciences, Argonne National Laboratory; Dona Crawford, Associate Director for Computation, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; and a public witness.

### SAVING TAXPAYER DOLLARS: FREEZING THE FEDERAL REAL ESTATE FOOTPRINT

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled "Saving Taxpayer Dollars: Freezing the Federal Real Estate Footprint". Testimony was heard from Dorothy Robyn, Commissioner, Public Buildings, Service, General Services Administration; E.J. Holland, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Jeffery Orner, Chief Readiness Support Officer, Department

of Homeland Security; and William Borchardt, Executive Director for Operations, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

#### **PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET: ADMINISTRATION PRIORITIES FOR THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled "The President's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget: Administration Priorities for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency". Testimony was heard from Nancy Stoner, Acting Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; and Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency.

#### **EXAMINATION OF VA'S SPECIAL INITIATIVE TO PROCESS RATING CLAIMS PENDING OVER TWO YEARS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Expediting Claims or Exploiting Statistics?" An Examination of VA's Special Initiative to Process Rating Claims Pending Over Two Years. Testimony was heard from Allison A. Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### **ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES**

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Ongoing Intelligence Activities." This was a closed hearing.

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### *Joint Meetings*

#### **ECONOMIC OUTLOOK**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for various agencies within the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Penny Pritzker, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Commerce, 11 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the extraction of gas from shale, focusing on current practices within the industry and environmental concerns to be addressed, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Allison M. Macfarlane, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 9 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine United States-European Union economic relations, focusing on crisis and opportunity, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce, to hold hearings to examine improving Federal health care in rural America, focusing on developing the workforce and building partnerships, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Patricia E. Campbell-Smith, of the District of Columbia, and Elaine D. Kaplan, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Charles R. Breyer, of California, Rachel Elise Barkow, of New York, and William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, all to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Derek Anthony West, of California, to be Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Valerie E. Caproni, of the District of Columbia, and Vernon S. Broderick, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, 10:30 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 Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, markup on H.R. 1960, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014", 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, markup on H.R. 1960, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014", 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.