

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Melvin L. Watt, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, who was introduced by Senators Hagan and Burr, Jason Furman, of New York, to be a Member and Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, Kara Marlene Stein, of Maryland, who was introduced by Senator Reed, and Michael Sean Piwowar, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator Crapo, both to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Richard T. Metsger, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, who was introduced by Senator Merkley, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**EXPLOSIONS IN WEST, TEXAS AND GEISMAR, LOUISIANA**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Federal risk management and emergency planning programs to prevent and address chemical threats, including the events leading up to the explosions in West, Texas and Geismar, Louisiana, after receiving testimony from Rafael Moure-Eraso, Chairperson, Chemical Safety Board; Barry N. Breen, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Randall L. Sawyer, Contra Costa

Health Services, Martinez, California; Richard Webre, Ascension Parish Office of Homeland Security, Gonzales, Louisiana; Paul Orum, Coalition to Prevent Chemical Disasters, Washington, D.C.; M. Sam Mannan, Texas A&M University System Mary Kay O'Connor Process Safety Center, College Station; and Kim Nibarger, United Steelworkers, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY CONTRACT MANAGEMENT**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine contract management by the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Gregory H. Friedman, Inspector General, and Jack Surash, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Project Management, Office of Environmental Management, both of the Department of Energy; Joseph F. Bader, Board Member, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board; Michael Graham, Bechtel National, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Michael McKlevy, CH2M HILL Constructors, Inc., Englewood, Colorado; and Frank Sheppard, Parsons Salt Waste Processing Facility, Pasadena, California.

**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.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 41 public bills, H.R. 2529–2569; 1 private bill, H.R. 2570; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 280–284 were introduced. **Pages H4141–45**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4145–46**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Poe (TX) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4083**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:13 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4091**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Chaplain Angel Berrios, 308th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Meade, Maryland. **Page H4091**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:54 p.m. and reconvened at 2:09 p.m. **Page H4105**

**Outer Continental Shelf Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreements Authorization Act:** The House passed H.R. 1613, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the proper Federal management and oversight of transboundary hydrocarbon reservoirs, by a recorded vote of 256 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 293. **Pages H4096–H4108**

Rejected the Garcia 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 recorded vote of 194 yeas to 232 noes, Roll No. 292. **Pages H4106–07**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Pages H4098**

Agreed by unanimous consent that during the consideration of H.R. 1613 and H.R. 2231 pursuant to H. Res. 274, amendment numbered 1 printed in part A of House Report 113–131 and amendments numbered 5 and 10 printed in part B of that report be modified. **Pages H4096–98**

Rejected:

Grayson amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–131), as modified, that sought to ensure that no portion of this legislation is construed as affecting the right of any state to prohibit the management, leasing, developing, and use of lands (including offshore oil drilling) beneath navigable waters within its boundaries (by a yea-and-nay vote of 213 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 291). **Pages H4104–06**

H. Res. 274, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1613), (H.R. 2231), and (H.R. 2410), was agreed to yesterday, June 26th.

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, June 26th:

*Amending title 10, United States Code, to require an Inspector General investigation of allegations of retaliatory personnel actions taken in response to making protected communications regarding sexual assault:* H.R. 1864, to amend title 10, United States Code, to require an Inspector General investigation of allegations of retaliatory personnel actions taken in response to making protected communications regarding sexual assault, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 294. **Pages H4108–09**

**Offshore Energy and Jobs Act:** The House began consideration of H.R. 2231, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to increase energy exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf, provide for equitable revenue sharing for all coastal States, and implement the reorganization of the functions of the former Minerals Management Service into distinct and separate agencies. Consideration is expected to continue tomorrow, June 28th. **Pages H4109–32**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–16 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the

nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill. **Page H4115**

Agreed by unanimous consent that during the consideration of H.R. 1613 and H.R. 2231 pursuant to H. Res. 274, amendment numbered 1 printed in part A of House Report 113–131 and amendments numbered 5 and 10 printed in part B of that report be modified. **Pages H4096–98**

Agreed to:

Brady (TX) amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–131) that requires the Secretary of the Interior to include those areas requested by State Governors in any environmental review conducted or statement prepared for the leasing program under the National Environmental Policy Act; **Pages H4120–21**

Lamborn amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–131) that prohibits the authorizing of leases under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to any person in violation of various Iranian sanctions; **Pages H4122–23**

Cassidy amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–131) that stipulates that no later than 60 days after the date of enactment of H.R. 2231, the Secretary of the Interior shall issue rules to provide more clarity, certainty, and stability to the revenue streams contemplated by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006; **Pages H4126–27**

Flores amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–131) that limits Bureau of Ocean Energy and Ocean Energy Safety Service activities related to the National Ocean Policy developed under Executive Order 13547. Requires a report be submitted to Congress identifying expenditures for fiscal years 2011–2013 by the Bureau of Ocean Energy, Ocean Energy Safety Service, and their predecessor agencies (by a recorded vote of 233 yeas to 190 noes, Roll No. 296); **Pages H4123–25, H4130–31**

Cassidy amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–131), as modified, that lifts the offshore energy revenue sharing cap, as provided by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006, from \$500 million to \$999 million for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2055 (by a recorded vote of 238 yeas to 185 noes, Roll No. 297); and **Pages H4125–26, H4231**

Rigell amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–131) that requires the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to permit seismic testing in the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf of the United States by December 31, 2013 (by a recorded vote of 234 yeas to 191 noes, Roll No. 298). **Pages H4127–29, H4131–32**

Rejected:

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–131) that sought to strike section 204 because it eliminates environmental evaluation typically provided by an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) and because conducting a single multisale EIS for decisions with different timelines creates unnecessary conflicts in the EIS process (by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 295).

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H. Res. 274, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1613), (H.R. 2231), and (H.R. 2410), was agreed to yesterday, June 26th.

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:22 p.m. and reconvened at 6 p.m.

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**Adjournment Resolution:** The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 19, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified the Congress of his intent to suspend the designation of Bangladesh as a beneficiary developing country under the Generalized System of Preferences program—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–42).

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H4129 and H4135.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4105, H4107, H4107–08, H4108–09, H4129–30, H4130–31, H4131 and H4131–32. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; AND REVISED REPORT ON THE SUBALLOCATION OF BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR FY 2014

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held a markup on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, Fiscal Year 2014; and Revised Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2014. The bill was ordered reported, as amended. The Revised Report on the Suballocation of the Budget Allocations for FY 2014 was approved, without amendment.

### SCHOOL MEAL REGULATIONS: DISCUSSING THE COSTS AND CONSEQUENCES FOR SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “School Meal Regulations: Discussing the Costs and Consequences for Schools and Students”. Testimony was heard from Kay E. Brown, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Megan Schaper, Food Service Director, State College Area School District, State College, Pennsylvania; Sandra E. Ford, Director of Food and Nutrition Services, Manatee County School District, Bradenton, Florida; and a public witness.

### TANGLE OF TRADE BARRIERS: HOW INDIA’S INDUSTRIAL POLICY IS HURTING U.S. COMPANIES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce and Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “A Tangle of Trade Barriers: How India’s Industrial Policy is Hurting U.S. Companies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### EQUIPPING CARRIERS AND AGENCIES IN THE WIRELESS ERA

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Equipping Carriers and Agencies in the Wireless Era”. Testimony was heard from Teri Takai, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1897, the “Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2013”; and H. Res. 131, concerning the ongoing conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the need for international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights; H. Res. 273, resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should nominate a qualified and independent individual for the position of Inspector General of the Department of State and Broadcasting Board of Governors to be confirmed by the Senate without delay; and H. Res. 222, recognizing the long-term partnership and friendship between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, working together towards peace and security in the Middle East. The following measures were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 1897 and H. Res. 273. The following measures were ordered reported, as amended: H. Res. 131 and H. Res. 222.