

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 2869–2899; were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2579, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for investigative leave requirements with respect to Senior Executive Service employees, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–186) and

H. Res. 322, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 367) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2009) to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from enforcing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010; providing for proceedings during the period from August 3, 2013, through September 6, 2013; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2879) to provide limitations on bonuses for Federal employees during sequestration, to provide for investigative leave requirements for members of the Senior Executive Service, to establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephonic interactions by Executive branch employees with individuals, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–187).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Heck (NV) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:29 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Imam Talib Shareef, Masjid Muhammad, Washington, DC.

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

Government Spending Accountability Act of 2013: H.R. 313, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to institute spending limits and transparency requirements for Federal conference and travel expenditures;

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Government Customer Service Improvement Act of 2013: H.R. 1660, amended, to require the estab-

lishment of Federal customer service standards and to improve the service provided by Federal agencies;

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Stop Playing on Citizen's Cash Act: H.R. 2769, amended, to impose moratorium on conferences held by the Internal Revenue Service;

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Taxpayer Bill of Rights Act of 2013: H.R. 2768, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that a duty of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is to ensure that Internal Revenue Service employees are familiar with and act in accord with certain taxpayer rights;

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STOP IRS Act: H.R. 2565, to provide for the termination of employment of employees of the Internal Revenue Service who take certain official actions for political purposes;

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Smarter Solutions for Students Act: Concurred in the Senate amendment to 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 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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 31 nays, Roll No. 426;

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Nuclear Iran Prevention Act of 2013: H.R. 850, amended, to impose additional human rights and economic and financial sanctions with respect to Iran, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 20 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 427; and

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Encouraging peace and reunification on the Korean Peninsula: H. Con. Res. 41, amended, to encourage peace and reunification on the Korean Peninsula.

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Announcement by the Chair: The Speaker addressed the Members on matters of decorum in the House.

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Energy Consumers Relief Act of 2013: The House began consideration of H.R. 1582, to protect consumers by prohibiting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating as final certain energy-related rules that are estimated to cost more than \$1 billion and will cause significant adverse effects to the economy. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, August 1st.

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Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–19 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 Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill. **Page H5247**

Proceedings Postponed:

Waxman amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–174) that seeks to strike section 2 of the bill, which allows DOE to effectively veto EPA rules and **Pages H5247–48**

Connolly amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–174) that seeks to prevent section 2 of the bill from applying to rules related to protecting air and water quality. **Pages H5248–49**

H. Res. 315, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2218) and (H.R. 1582) was agreed to on Wednesday, July 24th.

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Citizen Empowerment Act: H.R. 2711, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephonic interactions by Executive branch employees with individuals; **Pages H5188–93**

Government Employee Accountability Act: H.R. 2579, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for investigative leave requirements with respect to Senior Executive Service employees; **Pages H5196–H5202**

Common Sense in Compensation Act: H.R. 1541, amended, to establish limitations, for fiscal years 2013, 2014, and 2015 on the total amount in awards or other discretionary monetary payments which may be paid to any Federal employee; and **Pages H5202–07**

Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2013: H.R. 1897, amended, to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam. **Pages H5249–54**

Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: Representatives Bishop (GA) and Thompson (CA). **Page H5256**

Recess: The House recessed at 8:37 p.m. and reconvened at 9:38 p.m. **Page H5257**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5188.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5241, H5241–42. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee began a markup on Interior and Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2014.

WAR ON POVERTY: A PROGRESS REPORT

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The War on Poverty: A Progress Report”. Testimony was heard from Eloise Anderson, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2810, the “Medicare Patient Access and Quality Improvement Act of 2013”; and H.R. 2844, the “Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2013”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2810; and H.R. 2844.

OVERSIGHT OF DOE'S STRATEGY FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF USED NUCLEAR FUEL AND HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “Oversight of DOE's Strategy for the Management and Disposal of Used Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste”. Testimony was heard from Ernest Moniz, Secretary, Department of Energy.

IRAN-SYRIA NEXUS AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE REGION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “The Iran-Syria Nexus and Its Implications for the Region”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TSA INTEGRITY CHALLENGES: EXAMINING MISCONDUCT BY AIRPORT SECURITY PERSONNEL

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency and Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a joint hearing entitled “TSA Integrity Challenges: Examining Misconduct by Airport Security Personnel”.