

Clark Crocker, of Washington, Matthew C. Armstrong, of Illinois, and Jeffrey Shell, of California, to be Chairman, all to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

### POW/MIA ACCOUNTING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine Prisoner of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA) accounting, after receiving testimony from Major General Kelly McKeague, Commander, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, Major General W. Montague Winfield, USA (Ret.), Deputy Assistant Secretary for Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Affairs, and John A. Goines, III, Chief, Life Sciences Equipment Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, all of the Department of Defense.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 933, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018; and

The nominations of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Dis-

trict of Columbia Circuit, Gregory Howard Woods, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Elizabeth A. Wolford, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, and Debra M. Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi.

Also, committee began markup of S. 987, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, September 12, 2013.

### HUMAN COST OF REGULATORY PARALYSIS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Oversight, Federal Rights and Agency Action concluded a hearing to examine the human cost of regulatory paralysis, after receiving testimony from Rena Steinzor, University of Maryland Carey School of Law, Baltimore; Sam Batkins, American Action Forum, and Peg Seminario, AFL-CIO, both of Washington, D.C.; Patrick K. McLaughlin, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia; and Janette E. Fennell, KidsAndCars.org, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 78 public bills, 2900–2977; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 55–57; H. Con. Res. 48–50; and H. Res. 323–325 were introduced. **Pages H5341–45**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5347–49**

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

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Huizenga to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5265**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5271**

**Energy Consumers Relief Act of 2013:** The House passed 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, by a recorded vote of 232 ayes

to 181 noes, Roll No. 432. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, July 31st. **Pages H5285–93**

Rejected the Capps motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 431. **Pages H5291–92**

Agreed to:

Woodall amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–174) that requires EPA to make publicly available all data and documents relied upon by the Agency to develop estimates under the bill and

**Pages H5285–86**

Murphy (PA) amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–174) that prohibits the EPA from using the “social cost of carbon” valuation affected by this bill (by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 430). **Pages H5286–88, H5290–91**

Rejected:

Waxman amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–174) that was debated on July 31st

that sought to strike section 2 of the bill, which allows DOE to effectively veto EPA rules (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 428) and

**Pages H5288–89**

Connolly amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–174) that was debated on July 31st that sought to prevent section 2 of the bill from applying to rules related to protecting air and water quality (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 429).

**Pages H5289–90**

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.

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:21 p.m. and reconvened at 2:35 p.m.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, July 31st:

*Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2013:* H.R. 1897, amended, to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 435.

**Pages H5295–96**

**Stop Government Abuse Act:** The House passed 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, and to establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephonic interactions by Executive branch employees with individuals, by a ye-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 436.

**Pages H5276–85, H5296–H5306**

H. Res. 322, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 367), (H.R. 2009) and (H.R. 2879), was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 434, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 433.

**Pages H5276–85, H5293–94**

Pursuant to section 9 of the rule, the following bills are laid on the table: H.R. 1541, H.R. 2579, and H.R. 2711.

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**Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2013:** The House began consideration of 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. Consideration of the measure is expected to continue tomorrow, August 2nd.

**Pages H5306–32**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–187, shall be considered as an original bill for

the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Agreed to:

Rodney Davis (IL) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that adds to the definition of what constitutes a “major rule” to include any interim final rule issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that would have a significant impact on a substantial amount of agricultural entities (as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture);

**Pages H5319–20**

Sessions amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that requires the agency submitting the report on a proposed Federal rule to include an assessment, as part of the cost-benefit analysis submitted to the Comptroller General and each House of Congress, of anticipated jobs gained or lost as a result of implementation, and to specify whether those jobs will come from the public or private sector;

**Pages H5322–24**

McKinley amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that reduces the annual effect on the economy of the term “major rule” from \$100 million or more to \$50 million or more; and

**Pages H5328–29**

Webster amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that prevents Federal agencies from implementing significant policy changes without appropriate congressional review. Brings administrative rules having an economic impact of \$100 million or more as scored by the Office of Management and Budget before Congress for a vote.

**Pages H5329–30**

Proceedings Postponed:

Scalise amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that seeks to require the Administration to receive approval from Congress before implementing a carbon tax;

**Pages H5317–19**

Smith (MO) amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that seeks to require congressional approval for all rules under the authority of the Affordable Care Act;

**Pages H5320–21**

Latham amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that seeks to clarify that the report required to be submitted to Congress by Federal agencies promulgating a rule under the Act must include a list of any other related regulatory actions taken by or that will be taken by any other Federal agency with authority to implement the same statutory provision or regulatory objective;

**Pages H5321–22**

Nadler amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that seeks to exempt from the bill's congressional approval requirement any rule pertaining to nuclear reactor safety standards in order to prevent nuclear meltdowns like the one in

Fukushima. The amendment would ensure enhanced nuclear safety protection requirements can go into effect; **Pages H5324–25**

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that seeks to exempt from the provisions of the bill any rule that the Office of Management and Budget determines would result in net job creation; **Pages H5325–26**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that seeks to exempt from the bill's congressional approval requirement any rule promulgated by the Department of Homeland Security; and **Pages H5326–28**

Moore amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–187) that seeks to exempt rules pertaining to veterans from the additional requirements of this Act. **Pages H5330–32**

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**Pages H5276–85, H5293–94**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5309.

**Senate Referral:** S. Con. Res. 22 is held at the desk. **Page H5309**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5289, H5289–90, H5290, H5292, H5292–93, H5293, H5294, H5295–96, H5306. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Department of Defense’s Challenges in Accounting for Missing Persons from Past Conflicts”. Testimony was heard from Paul M. Cole, ORISE Fellow, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, Central Identification Laboratory; Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office.

### INITIAL CONCLUSIONS FORMED BY THE DEFENSE STRATEGIC CHOICES AND MANAGEMENT REVIEW

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Initial Conclusions Formed by the Defense Strategic Choices and Management Review”. Testimony was heard from Ashton B. Carter, Deputy

Secretary of Defense; and Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense.

### ENSURING NAVY SURFACE FORCE EFFECTIVENESS WITH LIMITED MAINTENANCE RESOURCES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness; and Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled “Ensuring Navy Surface Force Effectiveness With Limited maintenance resources”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Timothy S. Matthews, USN, Director, Fleet Readiness, Chief of Naval Operations, Department of Defense; and Rear Admiral Thomas S. Rowden, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, Department of Defense.

### PPACA PULSE CHECK

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “PPACA Pulse Check”. Testimony was heard from Marilyn Tavenner, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2848, the “Department of State Operations and Embassy Security Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2014”; and H.R. 419, to strengthen and clarify the commercial, cultural, and other relations between the people of the United States and the people of Taiwan, as codified in the Taiwan Relations Act, and for other purposes. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 419; and H.R. 2848.

### TRAN-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP: OUTLOOK AND OPPORTUNITIES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “The Trans-Pacific Partnership: Outlook and Opportunities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### IRANIAN PRESENCE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE 19 YEARS AFTER AMIA ATTACK

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a joint hearing entitled “Examining the State Department’s Report on Iranian Presence in the Western Hemisphere 19 Years After AMIA Attack”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.