

**Asia:** H.R. 301, amended, to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 402 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 465. **Pages H5606–09**

**National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2013:** The House passed H.R. 761, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness, by a recorded vote of 246 yeas to 178 noes, Roll No. 471. **Pages H5600–06, H5609–24**

Rejected the Cicilline 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 197 yeas to 229 noes, Roll No. 470. **Pages H5621–23**

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 an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

**Pages H5600, H5604**

Agreed to:

Pearce amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 113–214) that clarifies the intention of the bill that it will not impact Secretarial Order 3324, as it relates to oil/gas and potash. **Page H5617**

Rejected:

Lowenthal amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 113–214) that sought to clarify that the definition of “Strategic and Critical Minerals” only includes the minerals identified by the National Research Council (NRC) as strategic and critical minerals (and any additional minerals added by the Secretary that meet the NRC’s criteria). Also would clarify that the definition of “Mineral Exploration or Mine Permit” in this underlying legislation only refers to mineral exploration or mine permit for strategic and critical minerals (by a recorded vote of 187 yeas to 241 noes, Roll No. 466); **Pages H5612–14, H5618–19**

Veasey amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–214) that sought to designate the Secretary of Interior to publish no later than 60 days after enactment of the bill a list of “Strategic and Critical Minerals” for the purpose of the bill. The Secretary must update the list every 5 years (by a recorded vote of 189 yeas to 237 noes, Roll No. 467);

**Pages H5614–15, H5619–20**

Connolly amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 113–214) that sought to require mineral exploration and mining projects to be subjected to an Environmental Impact Statement review prior to approval. Removes the arbitrary limit on the time frame for

such reviews (by a recorded vote of 186 yeas to 240 noes, Roll No. 468); and **Pages H5615–16, H5620**

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 113–214) that sought to require that the cost of cleanup be included in financial assurance and that financial insurance instruments shall be in the form of a surety bond, letter of credit or other instrument that would routinely be accepted in commerce (by a recorded vote of 191 yeas to 235 noes, Roll No. 469). **Pages H5616–17, H5620–21**

H. Res. 347, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 231 yeas to 190 noes, Roll No. 464, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 229 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 463. **Pages H5600–06**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:31 p.m. and reconvened at 4:31 p.m. **Page H5618**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 349, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H5624**

**Presidential Messages:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001 is to continue in effect beyond September 23, 2013—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–63).

**Page H5641**

Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the text of the Agreement Between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty for Cooperation Regarding Atomic Information, including a technical annex and security annex—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–64). **Page H5641**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yeas-and-nays votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5605, H5605–06, H5606, H5619, H5619–20, H5620, H5621, H5622–23, H5623–24. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### SEQUESTRATION IN FISCAL YEAR 2014 AND PERSPECTIVES OF THE MILITARY SERVICES ON THE STRATEGIC CHOICES AND MANAGEMENT REVIEW

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing on Planning for Sequestration in Fiscal Year 2014 and Perspectives of the Military Services on the

Strategic Choices and Management Review. Testimony was heard from General James F. Amos, USMC; Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, USN; General Raymond T. Odierno, USA; and General Mark A. Welsh III, USAF.

#### **KEEPING COLLEGE WITHIN REACH: IMPROVING ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY THROUGH INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training held a hearing entitled “Keeping College Within Reach: Improving Access and Affordability through Innovative Partnerships”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION’S CLIMATE CHANGE POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “The Obama Administration’s Climate Change Policies and Activities”. Testimony was heard from Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; and Ernest Moniz, Secretary, Department of Energy.

#### **REGULATION OF EXISTING CHEMICALS AND THE ROLE OF PRE-EMPTION UNDER SECTIONS 6 AND 18 OF THE TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “Regulation of Existing Chemicals and the Role of Pre-Emption under Sections 6 and 18 of the Toxic Substances Control Act”. Testimony was heard from Lemuel M. Srolovic, Chief, Environmental Protection Bureau, Office of the Attorney General, New York; and public witnesses.

#### **EXAMINING THE SEC’S MONEY MARKET FUND RULE PROPOSAL**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Examining the SEC’s Money Market Fund Rule Proposal”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **BENGHAZI: WHERE IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Benghazi: Where Is the State Department Accountability”. Testimony was heard from Patrick F. Kennedy, Under Secretary for Management, Department of State.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a markup on H.R. 2952, the “Critical Infrastructure Research and Development Advancement Act of 2013”; and H.R. 3107, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish cybersecurity occupation classifications, assess the cybersecurity workforce, develop a strategy to address identified gaps in the cybersecurity workforce, and for other purposes. The following measures were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 2952 and H.R. 3107.

#### **UNDERSTANDING THE THREAT TO THE HOMELAND FROM AQAP**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “Understanding the Threat to the Homeland from AQAP”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT OF THE ADMINISTRATION’S USE OF FISA AUTHORITIES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing on “Oversight of the Administration’s Use of FISA Authorities”. This was a closed hearing.

#### **THE ROLE OF VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS IN THE U.S. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SYSTEM**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The Role of Voluntary Agreements in the U.S. Intellectual Property System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **FEDERAL IMPLEMENTATION OF OBAMACARE: CONCERNS OF STATE GOVERNMENTS**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs; and Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled “Federal Implementation of ObamaCare: Concerns of State Governments”. Testimony was heard from Jeff Colyer, Lieutenant Governor, State of Kansas; Brad Hutton, State Senator, South Carolina; Alan Wilson, Attorney General, South Carolina; Katrina Jackson, State Representative, Louisiana; Kathy Kliebert, Secretary of Department of Health and Hospitals, Louisiana; Eleanor Sobel, State Senator, State of Florida; and Matthew Hudson, State Representative, State of Florida.

**SOUTHEAST ARIZONA LAND EXCHANGE AND CONSERVATION ACT OF 2013; RESTORING HEALTHY FORESTS FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES ACT; NUTRITION REFORM AND WORK OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2013; AND CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION, 2014**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 687, the “Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013”; H.R. 1526, the “Restoring Healthy Forests for Healthy Communities Act”; H.R. 3102, the “Nutrition Reform and Work Opportunity Act of 2013”; and H.J. Res. 59, Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2014. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structure rule for H.R. 687. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the report. The report provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Additionally, the rule provides a structure rule for H.R. 1526. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. 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 113–21, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and 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 makes in order only those further amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the

order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part C of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Finally, the rule provides a closed rule for H.R. 3102. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit.

The Committee also granted, by voice vote, a closed rule for H.J. Res. 59. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the joint resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

In Section 2, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time from the calendar day of September 26, 2013, through the calendar day of September 29, 2013, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter or consideration pursuant to this section.

Testimony was heard from the following Chairmen: Hastings (WA); Lucas (OK); and Rogers (KY); and the following Representatives: Grijalva; DeFazio; Lowey; Van Hollen; Norton; and Scalise.

**METHAMPHETAMINE ADDICTION: USING SCIENCE TO EXPLORE SOLUTIONS**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Methamphetamine Addiction: Using Science to Explore Solutions”. Testimony was heard from Niki Crawford, First Sergeant, Meth Suppression Section Commander, Indiana State Police; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2542, the “Regulatory Flexibility

Improvements Act of 2013". The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

### FEMA REAUTHORIZATION: RECOVERING QUICKER AND SMARTER

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled "FEMA Reauthorization: Recovering Quicker and Smarter". Testimony was heard from Joseph L. Nimmich, Associate Administrator for Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Yolanda Chavez, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

### INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE'S EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION POST-TIGTA AUDIT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled "Internal Revenue Service's Exempt Organizations Division Post-TIGTA Audit". Testimony was heard from Daniel Werfel, Acting Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

## Joint Meetings

### DEBT CEILING

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic costs of debt-ceiling brinksmanship, after receiving testimony from Mark Zandi, Moody's Analytics, West Chester, Pennsylvania; David Malpass, Encima Global LLC, New York, New York; and Donald B. Marron, The Urban Institute, and Dan Mitchell, Cato Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Deborah Lee James, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force, Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and Marcel J. Lettre II, of Maryland, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Intelligence, all of the Department of Defense, Frank G. Klotz, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security, and Kevin A. Ohlson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jo Emily

Handelsman, of Connecticut, and Robert Michael Simon, of Maryland, both to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine wildlife management authority within the State of Alaska under the Alaska National Interest Lands Act and the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine promoting a system of shared responsibility, focusing on issues for reauthorization of the "Higher Education Act", 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine reforming and renewing the postal service, part I, focusing on maintaining services, reducing costs and increasing revenue through innovation and modernization, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 357, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, and the nominations of Cornelia T. L. Pillard, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Landya B. McCafferty, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire, Brian Morris, and Susan P. Watters, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Montana, Jeffrey Alker Meyer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, 10 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,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "The U.S. Presence in Afghanistan Post-2014: Views of Outside Experts", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing entitled "Defense Department's posture for September 11, 2013: What are the Lessons of Benghazi?", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pension, hearing entitled "Future of Union Organizing", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Two Weeks Until Enrollment: Questions for CCIIO", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Keystone's Red Tape Anniversary: Five Years of Bureaucratic Delay and Economic Benefits Denied", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.