

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 3693–3711; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 437, 439–440 were introduced. **Pages H7687–88**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7688–89**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2319, to clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–287);

H.R. 2542, to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–288, Pt. 1);

H.R. 2542, to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–288, Pt. 2); Report of the Joint Economic Committee on the 2013 Economic Report of the President (H. Rept. 113–289); and

H. Res. 438, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules; providing for proceedings during the period from December 14, 2013, through January 6, 2014; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–290). **Pages H7686–87**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7629**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7634**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H7635**

Committee Resignations: Read a letter from Representative Amodei, wherein he resigned from the Committees on the Judiciary, Natural Resources, and Veterans' Affairs. **Page H7638**

Committee Resignations: Read a letter from Representative Roby, wherein she resigned from the Committees on Agriculture, Armed Services, and Education and the Workforce. **Page H7638**

Committee Resignations: Read a letter from Representative Stewart, wherein he resigned from the

Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, Homeland Security, and Natural Resources. **Page H7638**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 437, electing certain Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Pages H7638–39**

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

Native American Veterans' Memorial Amendments Act of 2013: H.R. 2319, amended, to clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 398 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 633; **Pages H7639–40, H7666–67**

Alicia Dawn Koehl Respect for National Cemeteries Act: S. 1471, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of the Army to reconsider decisions to inter or honor the memory of a person in a national cemetery, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 398 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 634; **Pages H7640–42, H7667–68**

Sean and David Goldman International Child Abduction Prevention and Return Act of 2013: H.R. 3212, amended, to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction by countries with which the United States enjoys reciprocal obligations and to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 398 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 635; **Pages H7642–50, H7668**

Israel QME Enhancement Act: H.R. 1992, amended, to amend the requirements relating to assessment of Israel's qualitative military edge over military threats, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 399 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 636; and **Pages H7650–53, H7668–69**

Kids First Research Act of 2013: H.R. 2019, amended, to eliminate taxpayer financing of presidential campaigns and party conventions and reprogram savings to provide for a 10-year pediatric research initiative through the Common Fund administered by the National Institutes of Health, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 295 yeas to 103 nays, Roll No. 632. **Pages H7653–66**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To eliminate taxpayer financing of political party conventions and reprogram savings to provide for a 10-

year pediatric research initiative through the Common Fund administered by the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.” **Page H7666**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:43 p.m. and reconvened at 2:36 p.m. **Page H7653**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7669.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7666, H7666–67, H6667–68, H7688 and H7668–69. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. ASIA-PACIFIC STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO P.L.A. NAVAL FORCES MODERNIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing on U.S. Asia-Pacific Strategic Considerations Related to P.L.A. Naval Forces Modernization. Testimony was heard from Andrew Erickson, Associate Professor, U.S. Naval War College; Ronald O'Rourke, Specialist in Naval Affairs, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

PPACA IMPLEMENTATION FAILURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “PPACA Implementation Failures: What's Next?”. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee concluded markup on the following measures: H.R. 3527, the “Poison Center Network Act of 2013”; H.R. 1098, the “Traumatic Brain Injury Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 724, to amend the Clean Air Act to remove the requirement for dealer certification of new light-duty motor vehicles; H.R. 3683, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to strengthen the collaboration between the United States and Israel on energy development and to bolster the existing United States-Israel energy relationship by encouraging increased cooperation between the two countries; H.R. 3675, the “Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2013”; and H.R. 3674, the “Federal Spectrum Incentive Act of 2013”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1098; and H.R. 3675. The following bills were ordered reported, without amend-

ment: H.R. 3527; H.R. 724; H.R. 3683; and H.R. 3674.

AFGHANISTAN 2014: YEAR OF TRANSITION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Afghanistan 2014: Year of Transition.” Testimony was heard from James F. Dobbins, Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State; Donald L. Sampler, Assistant to the Administrator, Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Michael J. Dumont, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Central Asia, Department of Defense.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a markup on H. Res. 418, Urging the Government of Burma to end the persecution of the Rohingya people and respect internationally recognized human rights for all ethnic and religious minority groups within Burma; and H. Res. 281, Expressing concern over persistent and credible reports of systematic, state-sanctioned organ harvesting from non-consenting prisoners of conscience, in the People's Republic of China, including from large numbers of Falun Gong practitioners imprisoned for their religious beliefs, and members of other religious and ethnic minority groups. The resolutions were forwarded to the Full Committee, without amendment.

ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE POTENTIAL CREATION OF A NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Establishing a Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Blackburn; Carolyn B. Maloney (NY); and a public witness.

SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION 2014; AND TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF THE FOOD, CONSERVATION, AND ENERGY ACT OF 2008

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on Senate amendment to H.J. Res. 59, the continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2014. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–3, a rule that provides for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.J. Res. 59. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on the Budget or his designee that the House recede from its