

By 55 yeas to 38 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 6), Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, January 13, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the nomination with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided and controlled in the usual form, prior to a vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Suzette M. Kimball, of West Virginia, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey.

Deborah L. Bix, of Maryland, to be Ambassador at Large and Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally.

Michael W. Kempner, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2015.

Heidi Neel Biggs, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2017.

Christopher P. Lu, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.

Westley Watende Omari Moore, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2016.

43 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, and Marine Corps.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—6) **Pages S209–10**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, Janu-

ary 13, 2014. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S260.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Jo Ann Rooney, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, and Jamie Michael Morin, of Michigan, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, all of the Department of Defense, and Frank G. Klotz, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security.

SITUATION IN SOUTH SUDAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in South Sudan, after receiving testimony from Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Nancy E. Lindborg, Assistant Administrator for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Princeton N. Lyman, U.S. Institute of Peace, John Prendergast, Enough Project, and Kate Almqvist Knopf, Africa Center for Strategic Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Gary Blankinship, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas, Robert L. Hobbs, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Texas, Amos Rojas, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida, Peter C. Tobin, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio, Kevin W. Techau, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa, and Andrew Mark Luger, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, all of the Department of Justice.

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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 3824–3840; and 2 resolutions, 105; H. Con. Res. 73 were introduced. **Pages H134–35**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H135–36**

Report Filed: A report was filed on January 2, 2014 as follows:

Annual Report on the Activities of the Committee on Ethics for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, First Session (H. Rept. 113–323).

A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 2952, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements in the laws relating to the advancement of security technologies for critical infrastructure protection, and for purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–324).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Messer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:22 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Reducing Excessive Deadline Obligations Act of 2013: The House passed H.R. 2279, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act relating to review of regulations under such Act and to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 relating to financial responsibility for classes of facilities, by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 10.

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Rejected the Peters (CA) 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 225 noes, Roll No. 9.

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Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–30 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.

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Rejected:

Sinema amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–322) that sought to strike language that would expand eligibility for the National Priorities List (NPL) in Section 204, which is overseen by the Environmental Protection Agency. Would reinstate language that directs listing of the “highest priority facilities” for cleanup (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 7) and

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Tonko amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–322) that sought to block implementation of the bill if any provision would increase litigation, reduce funds available for cleaning up contaminated sites, or that would delay clean up of contaminated sites (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 8).

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H. Res. 455, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2279), (H.R. 3362), and (H.R. 3811), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 6, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 5.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of Ben Garrido Blaz, former Member of Congress.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H87.

Senate Referral: S. 1171 was referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and the Judiciary.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H95–96, H96, H108, H109, H110–11 and H111–12. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXTENDERS POLICIES: WHAT ARE THEY AND HOW SHOULD THEY CONTINUE UNDER A PERMANENT SGR REPEAL LANDSCAPE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “The Extenders Policies: What Are They and How Should They Continue Under a Permanent SGR Repeal Landscape?”. Testimony was heard from Glenn M. Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; Diane Rowland, Chair, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission; Michael Lu, Associate Administrator Maternal and Child Health Bureau Health Resources and Services Administration; Naomi Goldstein, Director Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families.

INTERNATIONAL IMPACTS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE’S QUANTITATIVE EASING PROGRAM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “International Impacts of the Federal Reserve’s