

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3862–3876; and 1 resolution, H.Res. 459 was introduced. **Page H223**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H224–25**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H.R. 801, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to make the shareholder threshold for registration of savings and loan holding companies the same as for bank holding companies (H. Rept. 113–325);

H.R. 2274, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide for a notice-filing registration procedure for brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies and to provide for regulation appropriate to the limited scope of the activities of such brokers, with amendments (H. Rept. 113–326); and

H. Res. 458, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 3547) to extend the application of certain space launch liability provisions through 2014; providing for proceedings during the period from January 17, 2014, through January 24, 2014; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–327). **Page H223**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Stewart to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H185**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H188**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a ye-and-nay vote of 274 yeas to 138 nays with 3 answering "present", Roll No. 16. **Pages H188, H200**

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

Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act: H.R. 2274, amended, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide for a notice-filing registration procedure for brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies and to provide for regulation appropriate to the limited scope of the activities of such brokers, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 14; **Pages H192–96, H198–99**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services

in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies." **Page H199**

Holding Company Registration Threshold Equalization Act: H.R. 801, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to make the shareholder threshold for registration of savings and loan holding companies the same as for bank holding companies, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 15; **Pages H196–98, H199–H200**

Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014: H.J. Res. 106, to make further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014; **Page H198**

OPM IG Act: H.R. 2860, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that the Inspector General of the Office of Personnel Management may use amounts in the revolving fund of the Office to fund audits, investigations, and oversight activities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 17; and **Pages H200–02, H207**

Presidential and Federal Records Act Amendments: H.R. 1233, amended, to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting "nay". Roll No. 18. **Pages H202–07, H207–08**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:43 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H207**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H199, H199–H200, H200, H207, H208. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA MARITIME DISPUTES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower; and Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a joint hearing entitled "People's Republic of China Maritime Disputes". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power concluded markup on H.R. 3826, the “Electricity Security and Affordability Act”. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

HOW PROSPECTIVE AND CURRENT HOMEOWNERS WILL BE HARMED BY THE CFPB’S QUALIFIED MORTGAGE RULE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “How Prospective and Current Homeowners Will Be Harmed by the CFPB’s Qualified Mortgage Rule”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SCOPE OF COPYRIGHT PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The Scope of Copyright Protection”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION’S QUESTIONABLE APPLICATION OF SEQUESTRATION TO THE SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Obama Administration’s Questionable Application of Sequestration to the Secure Rural Schools Program and the Costs to States, Local Economies, and Rural School Children”. Testimony was heard from Robert Bonnie, Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment.

TSA OVERSIGHT: EXAMINING THE SCREENING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “TSA Oversight: Examining the Screening Partnership Program”. Testimony was heard from Kelly C. Hoggan, Assistant Administrator for Security Operations, Transportation Security Administration; Mark Bell, Acting Deputy Inspector General for Audits, Department of Homeland Security; and Jennifer Grover, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL TO EXTEND GOVERNMENT LIABILITY, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION, FOR CERTAIN THIRD PARTY CLAIMS ARISING FROM COMMERCIAL SPACE LAUNCHES

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on Senate amendments to H.R. 3547, a bill to extend Government liability, subject to appropriation, for

certain third-party claims arising from commercial space launches. The Committee granted a rule that provides for the consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 3547. The rule makes in order a single motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the title and concur in the Senate amendment to the text with an amendment inserting the text of Rules Committee Print 113–32 in lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion and provides that it shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides that the Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. In Section 2, the rule provides that upon adoption of the motion specified in section 1, H. Con. Res. 74 (enrollment correction to the title) shall be considered as adopted. In Section 3, the rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations may insert in the Congressional Record not later than January 16, 2014, such material as he may deem explanatory of the Senate amendments and the motion specified in section 1. In Section 4, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from January 17, 2014, through January 24, 2014: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In Section 5, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 4. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rogers (KY); Representatives Lowey; and Gohmert.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AT THE SMITHSONIAN—MORE THAN A MUSEUM

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Scientific Research at the Smithsonian—More than a Museum”. Testimony was heard from G. Wayne Clough, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution; Eva Pell, Under Secretary for Science, Smithsonian Institution; Kirk Johnson, Director, National Museum of Natural History.

FOUNDATION FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Building the

Foundation for Surface Transportation Reauthorization”. Testimony was heard from Mary Fallin, Governor, State of Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING; AND ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a business meeting on Member access to Benghazi investigation transcripts; member access request; and held a hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”. This was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing on the situation in Iraq and Syria, 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine regulating financial holding companies and physical commodities, 2 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the future of unmanned aviation in the United States economy, focusing on safety and privacy considerations, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nominations of Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, and Rhonda K. Schmidlein, of Missouri, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of R. Gil Kerlikowske, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security, and L. Paige Marvel, of Maryland, and Tamara Wenda Ashford, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 1901, to authorize the President to extend the term of the nuclear energy agreement with the Republic of Korea until March 19, 2016, and the nominations of Cynthia H. Akuetteh, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, Catherine Ann Novelli, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, Tina S. Kaidanow, of the District of Columbia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, Michael A. Hammer, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, Kevin Whitaker, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, Daniel W.

Yohannes, of Colorado, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Sarah Sewall, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, Helen Meagher La Lime, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Eric T. Schultz, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, Puneet Talwar, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs, Carlos Roberto Moreno, of California, to be Ambassador to Belize, Rose Eilene Gottenmoeller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary for Verification and Compliance, Adam M. Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, Timothy M. Broas, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Donald Lu, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, Robert A. Sherman, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, Karen Clark Stanton, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Amy Jane Hyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, Tomasz P. Malinowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Crystal Nix-Hines, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, John Hoover, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone, Thomas Frederick Daughton, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, Dwight L. Bush, Sr., of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, Matthew T. Harrington, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Charles Hammerman Rivkin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs, Mark Bradley Childress, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, Pamela K. Hamamoto, of Hawaii, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador, Michael Stephen Hoza, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, Brian A. Nichols, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, Eunice S. Reddick, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, Bruce Heyman, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Canada, Richard Stengel, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, and Anthony Luzzatto Gardner, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, Catherine Ann Novelli, of Virginia, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank, and to be United States Alternate