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BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Caroline Diane Krass, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, John P. Carlin, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney

General, Department of Justice, and Francis Xavier Taylor, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis.

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: 11 public bills, H.R. 4137–4147; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 111 and H.Res. 498, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3189, to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer, relinquishment, or other impairment of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, with amendments (H. Rept. 113–372, Pt. 1) and

H. Res. 497, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3826) to provide direction to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the establishment of standards for emissions of any greenhouse gas from fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4118) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to delay the implementation of the penalty for failure to comply with the individual health insurance mandate (H. Rept. 113–373).

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

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Communication from the Sergeant at Arms: Read a letter from Paul D. Irving, Sergeant at Arms, in which he notified the House that pursuant to clause 12(c) of rule I, an imminent impairment of the place of reconvening for the House meeting of 12 noon on Monday, March 3, 2014, was in place due to weather. Subsequently, the Chair announced that the rescheduling of the time of meeting for the House at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 had been communicated to the Members.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Harvey Peters, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

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

Home Heating Emergency Assistance Through Transportation Act of 2014: H.R. 4076, to address shortages and interruptions in the availability of propane and other home heating fuels in the United States;

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Supporting the people of Venezuela as they protest peacefully for democratic change and calling to end the violence: H. Res. 488, amended, to support the people of Venezuela as they protest peacefully for democratic change and to call to end the violence, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 393 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 92;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Supporting the people of Venezuela as they protest peacefully for democracy, a reduction in violent crime and calling for an end to recent violence.”

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Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act: S. 23, to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan;

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North Fork Watershed Protection Act: H.R. 2259, amended, to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws and to preserve existing uses;

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Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act: H.R. 3370, amended, to delay the implementation

of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 306 yeas to 91 nays, Roll No. 91; and

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Agreed by unanimous consent that in the engrossment of H.R. 3370, the Clerk be authorized to make the corrections placed at the desk. **Page H2142**

York River Wild and Scenic River Study Act: H.R. 2197, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the York River and associated tributaries for study for potential inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:13 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H2125**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act: H.R. 938, amended, to strengthen the strategic alliance between the United States and Israel and

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Better Buildings Act: H.R. 2126, amended, to facilitate better alignment, cooperation, and best practices between commercial real estate landlords and tenants regarding energy efficiency in buildings.

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Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2014—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Rept. 113–94). **Pages H2102–03**

Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress his Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2015—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–84). **Pages H2122–25**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2141–42 and H2142. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SMITH-LEVER ACT ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Horticulture, Research, and Biotechnology and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review the Smith-Lever Act on its 100th Anniversary. Testimony was heard from Sonny Ramaswamy, Director National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the Government Printing Office FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Davita Vance-Cooks, Public Printer, Government Printing Office.

APPROPRIATIONS—ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the Architect of the Capitol FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Stephen T. Ayers, Architect of the Capitol.

APPROPRIATIONS—CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the Congressional Budget Office FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Doug Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

MANAGING MEDICARE CAN PROTECT SENIORS' BENEFITS AND SAVE THEM MONEY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Keeping the Promise: How Better Managing Medicare Can Protect Seniors' Benefits and Save Them Money". Testimony was heard from Kathleen King, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; James Cosgrove, Director Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and Robert Vito, Regional Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General.

IRAN'S SUPPORT FOR TERRORISM WORLDWIDE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a joint hearing entitled "Iran's Support for Terrorism Worldwide". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.