

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 26 public bills, H.R. 4225–4250; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 93; and H. Res. 517–519 were introduced. **Pages H2432–34**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2434–35**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1786, to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–380, Pt. 1). **Page H2432**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ros-Lehtinen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2363**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:07 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2370**

**Providing for the reappointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to S.J. Res. 32, to provide for the reappointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Page H2374**

**Oath of Office—Thirteenth Congressional District of Florida:** Representative-elect David W. Jolly presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter received from Mr. Gary J. Holland, Assistant Director of Elections, Office of the Secretary of State of Florida, indicating that, according to the preliminary returns of the Special Election held March 11, 2014, the Honorable David W. Jolly was elected Representative to Congress for the Thirteenth Congressional District, State of Florida. **Pages H2384, H2431**

**Whole Number of the House:** The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Florida, Mr. Jolly, the whole number of the House is 432. **Pages H2384–85**

**Water Rights Protection Act:** The House passed 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, by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 174 noes, Roll No. 132.

**Pages H2374–83, H2385–H2408**

Rejected the Kirkpatrick 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 183 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 131. **Pages H2406–07**

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. **Page H2395**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture.”. **Page H2408**

Agreed to:

Tipton manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–379) that makes several clarifying technical changes to the bill, and clarifies that the Act will have no effect on Bureau of Reclamation contracts, implementation of the Endangered Species Act, certain existing Federal reserved water rights, and certain authorities under the Federal Power Act and **Pages H2396–97**

Mullin amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–379) that ensures that the Federal government cannot make Native American tribes apply for or acquire water rights under state law or the Federal government rather than acquiring the rights for themselves. Prohibits the Federal government from using permits, approvals, and other land management agreements to take the water rights of Native American tribes without just compensation. Ensures that nothing in the Act limits or expands the reserved water rights or treaty rights of Federally recognized Native American tribes. **Pages H2397–98**

Rejected:

Polis amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–379) that sought to mandate that the U.S. Forest Service may not condition ski area permits on the transfer of title of any water right or require any ski area permittee to acquire a water right in the name of the United States (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 130). **Pages H2398–H2401, H2405–06**

H. Res. 515, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3189) and (H.R. 4015), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 126, after the previous question was

ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 125. **Pages H2383, H2385**

**Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 3370:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 93, to direct the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 3370. **Page H2401**

**Faithful Execution of the Law Act of 2014:** The House passed H.R. 3973, to amend section 530D of title 28, United States Code, by a recorded vote of 244 yeas to 171 noes, Roll No. 129. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, March 12th. **Pages H2401–05**

Rejected the Lujan Grisham (NM) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 192 yeas to 225 noes, Roll No. 128. **Page H2404**

Rejected:

Ellison amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–378) that was debated on March 12th that sought to waive reporting requirements provided in the bill if sufficient funds are not available to generate the increased volume of reports (by a yea-and-nay vote of 191 yeas to 227 nays, Roll No. 127). **Page H2402**

H. Res. 511, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4138) and (H.R. 3973), was agreed to yesterday, March 12th.

**Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer:** Representative Kildee announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H2408–10**

**Privileged Resolution:** Representative Kildee rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a privileged resolution. Upon examination of the resolution, the Chair determined that the resolution qualified. Subsequently, the House agreed to the Cantor motion to table H. Res. 517, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a recorded vote of 217 yeas to 173 noes with 10 answering “present”, Roll No. 133. **Pages H2408–10**

**Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy: Representative Rooney. **Page H2410**

**Senate Messages:** A message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H2374, H2410–11.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 611 was held at the desk; S. 2137 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services. **Pages H2374, H2410–11, H2431**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2383, H2385, H2402, H2404, H2404–05, H2405–06, H2407, H2407–08 and H2409–10. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a markup to consider Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the agencies and programs under jurisdiction of the Committee for FY 2015; H.R. 935, the “Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2013”; and H. Con. Res. 86, Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the enactment of the Smith-Lever Act, which established the nationwide Cooperative Extension Service. The Committee approved the Budget Views and Estimates letter; and H.R. 935 and H. Con. Res. 86 were ordered reported, without amendment.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FY 2015 BUDGET

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Department of Defense FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Chuck Hagel, Secretary, Department of Defense; General Martin Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Robert Hale, Undersecretary of Defense, Comptroller.

### APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT FY 2015 BUDGET

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Daniel Ragsdale, Deputy Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Peter Edge, Deputy Associate Director, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Thomas Homan, Executive Associate Director Enforcement and Removal Operations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.