

## PUTTING HEALTH CARE SPENDING ON A SUSTAINABLE PATH

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine putting health care spending on a sustainable path, after receiving testimony from David M. Cutler, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Len M. Nichols, George Mason University College of Health and Human Services, Fairfax, Virginia; and James C. Capretta, Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, D.C.

## CRISIS IN SYRIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee received a closed briefing on the crisis in Syria from national security briefers.

## DENTAL CRISIS IN AMERICA

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging concluded a hearing to examine dental crisis in America, focusing on the need to expand access, after receiving testimony from Burton Edelstein, Columbia University, New York, New York; Shelly Gehshan, Pew Center on the States Children's Dental Campaign, Washington, D.C.; Grant Whitmer, Community Health Centers of the Rutland Region, Rutland, Vermont; Gregory J. Folse, Outreach Dentistry, Lafayette, Louisiana; and Christy Jo Fogarty, Children's Dental Services, Farmington, Minnesota.

## DUE PROCESS GUARANTEE ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the "Due Process Guarantee Act", focusing on banning indefinite detention of Americans, including S. 2003, to clarify that an authorization to use military force, a declaration of war, or any similar authority shall not authorize the detention without charge or trial of a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States, after receiving testimony from Representatives Landry and Garamendi; Lorraine K. Bannai, Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington; Stephen I.

Vladeck, American University Washington College of Law, and Steven G. Bradbury, former Acting Assistant Attorney General, and Principal Deputy, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, both of Washington, D.C.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Richard Gary Taranto, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Franken, Gershwin A. Drain, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, who was introduced by Senator Levin, and Robin S. Rosenbaum, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, who was introduced by Senator Nelson (FL), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for Veterans' Programs, after receiving testimony from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary, Robert A. Petzel, Under Secretary for Health, Allison A. Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, Steve L. Muro, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Roger W. Baker, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, and W. Todd Grams, Executive in Charge for the Office of Management and Chief Financial Officer, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jeffrey C. Hall, Disabled American Veterans, Raymond Kelley, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Tom Tarantino, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, and William F. Schrier, and Tim Tetz, both of the American Legion, all of Washington, D.C.; and Diane M. Zumatto, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 4105–4115; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 105; H. Con. Res. 106; and H. Res. 567, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:13 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Gerald Theriot, The American Legion, Schriever, Louisiana. **Page H1027**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 283 yeas to 127 nays with 2 answering "present", Roll No. 82. **Pages H1027, H1041**

**Order of Business:** Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time through the legislative day of March 1, 2012 to consider in the House H. Res. 562; that the resolution shall be considered as read; and that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution and preamble to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their respective designees. **Page H1031**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 1st. **Page H1041**

**San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act:** The House passed H.R. 1837, to address certain water-related concerns on the San Joaquin River, by a recorded vote of 246 yeas to 175 noes with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 91. **Pages H1041-79**

Rejected the Garamendi 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 178 yeas to 248 noes, Roll No. 90. **Pages H1077-78**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112-15 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 Natural Resources now printed in the bill. **Page H1055**

Agreed to:

McClintock manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112-405) that makes several technical and clarifying changes to the bill. **Pages H1061-62**

Rejected:

Thompson (CA) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112-405) that sought to prevent several provisions of this Act from going into effect if any agriculture, agriculture-related, fishery, or fishery-related job is lost North of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (by a recorded vote of 178 yeas to 239 noes, Roll No. 83); **Pages H1062-63, H1072**

McNerney amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112-405) that sought to prevent several provisions of the Act from taking effect until it is determined that it will not harm the quality or safety of drink-

ing water supplies for residents of California's Delta region (Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, and Yolo Counties) (by a recorded vote of 178 yeas to 242 noes, Roll No. 84); **Pages H1063-65, H1072-73**

McNerney amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112-405) that sought to prevent several provisions of the Act from taking effect until it is determined that it will not harm water quality or water availability for agricultural producers in California's Delta region (Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, and Yolo Counties) (by a recorded vote of 177 yeas to 243 noes, Roll No. 85); **Pages H1065-66, H1073-74**

Garamendi amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112-405) that sought to remove provisions of the bill that seek to privatize a public resource and restores the Secretary of the Interior's discretion over water contract renewals (by a recorded vote of 181 yeas to 243 noes, Roll No. 86); **Pages H1066-67, H1074**

Napolitano amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112-405) that sought to create a revenue stream through the elimination of a subsidy that allowed irrigators to repay project debt with no interest (by a recorded vote of 174 yeas to 250 noes, Roll No. 87); **Pages H1067-69, H1074-75**

Garamendi amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112-405) that sought to remove provisions of the bill that seek to decrease the current supply of water to the Delta region (by a recorded vote of 178 yeas to 247 noes, Roll No. 88); and **Pages H1069-70, H1075-76**

Markey amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112-405) that sought to replace provisions in H.R. 1837 that override state law with a provision upholding state law and requiring use of the best available science (by a recorded vote of 180 yeas to 244 noes, Roll No. 89). **Pages H1070-72, H1076**

H. Res. 566, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 245 yeas to 173 noes, Roll No. 81, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 80. **Pages H1031-40**

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

*Amending the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to revise the timing of special elections for local office:* H.R. 3902, amended, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to revise the timing of special elections for local office in the District of Columbia. **Pages H1085-87**

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

*St. Croix River Crossing Project Authorization Act:* S. 1134, to authorize the St. Croix River Crossing Project with appropriate mitigation measures to promote river values. **Pages H1079–85**

*Condemning the Government of Iran for its continued persecution, imprisonment, and sentencing of Youcef Nadarkhani on the charge of apostasy:* H. Res. 556, amended, to condemn the Government of Iran for its continued persecution, imprisonment, and sentencing of Youcef Nadarkhani on the charge of apostasy. **Pages H1087–91**

**Board of Visitors of the United States Military Academy—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors of the United States Military Academy: Representatives Hinchey and Loretta Sanchez. **Page H1091**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and 10 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1039–40, H1040, H1041, H1072, H1073, H1073–74, H1074, H1075, H1075–76, H1076, H1078, and H1078–79. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Commodity Futures Trading Commission 2012 Agenda”. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF STATE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Department of State. Testimony was heard from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary, Department of State.

### APPROPRIATIONS—CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Customs and Border Protection Agency. Testimony was heard from the following Customs and Border Protection officials: Michael Fisher, Chief; Kevin McAleenan, Assistant Commissioner (Acting), Office of Field Operations; Mark Borkowski, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Technology Innovation

and Acquisition; and Michael Kostelnik, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Air and Marine.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, Weapons Activities; and National Nuclear Security Administration. Testimony was heard from the following National Nuclear Security Administration officials: Thomas D'Agostino, Administrator; Donald Cook, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs; and Brigadier General Sandra E. Finan, Principal, Assistant Deputy Administrator for Military Application.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration. Testimony was heard from Margaret Hamburg, Commissioner, Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration; Patrick McGarey, Assistant Commissioner for Budget, Food and Drug Administration; and Norris Cochran, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Health and Human Services.

### APPROPRIATIONS—EPA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Environmental Protection Agency. Testimony was heard from Lisa Jackson, Administrator, EPA; and Barbara Bennett, Chief Financial Officer, EPA.

### APPROPRIATIONS—OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Office of Science and Technology Policy. Testimony was heard from John P. Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Department of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from the following officials from the Department of Agriculture: Phyllis Fong,