

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 196 public bills, H.R. 4621–4816 and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 632–633 were introduced. **Pages H2123–26**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2134–35**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2308, to improve the consideration by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the costs and benefits of its regulations and orders, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–453) and

H. Res. 631, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3523) to provide for the sharing of certain cyber threat intelligence and cyber threat information between the intelligence community and cybersecurity entities, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4628) to extend student loan interest rates for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans; and for other purposes. **Page H2123**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Palazzo to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2073**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 1 p.m. **Page H2078**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Matthew Barnes, Capital Commission Indiana, Indianapolis, Indiana. **Page H2078**

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

Digital Accountability and Transparency Act: H.R. 2146, amended, to amend title 31, United States Code, to require accountability and transparency in Federal spending and for other purposes, as amended. **Pages H2082–95**

Small Business Credit Availability Act: H.R. 3336, amended, to ensure the exclusion of small lenders from certain regulations of the Dodd-Frank Act, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 312 yeas to 111 nays, Roll No. 180. **Pages H2095–99, H2107**

Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012, Part II: The House disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 4348, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs, and agreed to a conference with the Senate.

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Rejected the Rahall motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a yeas-and-nays vote of 181 yeas to 242 nays, Roll No. 179. **Page H2106**

The Chair appointed the following conferees: From the Committee on Transportation and Infra-

structure, for consideration of the House bill (except section 141) and the Senate amendment (except secs. 1801, 40102, 40201, 40202, 40204, 40205, 40305, 40307, 40309–40312, 100112–100114, and 100116), and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Mica, Young (AK), Duncan (TN), Shuster, Capito, Crawford, Herrera Beutler, Bucshon, Hanna, Southerland, Lankford, Ribble, Rahall, DeFazio, Costello, Norton, Nadler, Brown (FL), Cummings, Boswell, and Bishop (NY).

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From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sec. 142 and titles II and V of the House bill, and secs. 1113, 1201, 1202, subtitles B, C, D, and E of title I of Division C, secs. 32701–32705, 32710, 32713, 40101, and 40301 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Upton, Whitfield, and Waxman. **Page H2108**

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of secs. 123, 142, 204, and titles III and VI of the House bill, and sec. 1116, subtitles C, F, and G of title I of Division A, sec. 33009, titles VI and VII of Division C, sec. 40101, subtitles A and B of title I of Division F, and sec. 100301 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hastings (WA), Bishop (UT), and Markey. **Page H2108**

From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology for consideration of secs. 121, 123, 136, and 137 of the House bill, and sec. 1534, subtitle F of title I of Division A, secs. 20013, 20014, 20029, 31101, 31103, 31111, 31204, 31504, 32705, 33009, 34008, and Division E of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hall, Cravaack, and Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX). **Page H2108**

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of secs. 141 and 142 of the House bill, and secs. 1801, 40101, 40102, 40201, 40202, 40204, 40205, 40301–40307, 40309–40314, 100112–100114, and 100116 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Camp, Tiberi, and Blumenauer. **Page H2108**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:24 p.m. and reconvened at 4:45 p.m. **Page H2106**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, April 24th:

Authorizing the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest: H.R. 1038, amended, to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed

based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 181.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2106, H2107, H2107–08. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

2012 FARM BILL: RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing entitled “Formulation of the 2012 Farm Bill: Rural Development Programs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; AND REPORT ON SUBALLOCATION OF BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR 2013

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup of Energy and Water Appropriations Bill FY 2013; and report on the suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2013. The Energy and Water Appropriations Bill FY 2013 was ordered reported, as amended; and the report on the suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2013 was ordered reported without amendment.

REPLACING THE SEQUESTER

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Replacing the Sequester”. Testimony was heard from Daniel I. Werfel, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

OVERSIGHT OF THE U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission”. Testimony was heard from Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission.

SOURCES OF INSTABILITY IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “LRA, Boko Haram, al-Shabaab, AQIM and Other Sources of Instability in Africa”. Testimony was heard from Donald Y. Yamamoto, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Daniel Benjamin Ambassador-at-Large, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Bureau of Counterterrorism, Department of State; and Amanda J. Dory, Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD THE EVOLVING SITUATION IN SYRIA, PART II

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing entitled “Confronting Damascus: U.S. Policy Toward the Evolving Situation in Syria, Part II”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE BUDGET REVIEW 2013

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Western Hemisphere Budget Review 2013: What Are U.S. Priorities?” Testimony was heard from Roberta S. Jacobson, Assistant Secretary of State; Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State.

OVERSIGHT OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD BURMA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Oversight of U.S. Policy Toward Burma”. Testimony was heard from Kurt Campbell, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Nisha Biswal, Assistant Administrator for Asia, United States Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 3361, the “Utilizing DNA Technology to Solve Cold Cases Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from Dennis Kilcoyne, Detective, Robbery and Homicide Division, Los Angeles Police Department; Peter M. Marone, Director, Virginia Department of Forensic Science; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 4377, the “Responsibly and Professionally Invigorating Development Act of 2012”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup of Committee Print of material to be transmitted to the Committee on the Budget pursuant to Section 201 of H. Con. Res. 112; and H.R. 365, the “National Blue Alert Act of 2011”. The motion to transmit the Committee Print to the Committee on the Budget was agreed to; and H.R. 365 was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup of the following measures: H.R. 460, the “Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act”; H.R. 1237, to provide for a land exchange with the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving the transfer of land to