

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 5793–5825; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 662–664 were introduced. **Pages H3101–03**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H3105**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Shimkus to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2815**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:12 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2823**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Ken Chroniger, Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church, Alfred Station, New York. **Page H2823**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our Nation in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families, and of all who serve in the armed forces and their families. **Page H2845**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on May 15th:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of preventing the Government of Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapons capability: H. Res. 568, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of preventing the Government of Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapons capability, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 11 nays with 9 answering “present”, Roll No. 261.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, May 16th:

National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act: H.R. 5740, to extend the National Flood Insurance Program, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 18 nays, Roll No. 262. **Pages H2846–47**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H2827–3046, H3049–97**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–22 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 Armed Services now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

McKeon Manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–485), as modified, that makes conforming changes in the bill; **Pages H2996–97**

McKeon en bloc amendment No. 1 that consists of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 112–485: Landry amendment (No. 2) that specifies that the use of information collected via unmanned aerial vehicles by the U.S. Department of Defense may not be used as evidence in a court of law against an individual without first having a warrant issued; Hanna amendment (No. 13) that requires the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress on Air Force cyber operations research, science, and technology plans and capabilities; Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 14) that clarifies Section 322 on Military Industrial Depot Policy to ensure that core workloads completed at government military industrial depots include critical supply chain management and management expertise; Gallegly amendment (No. 15) that creates Military Readiness Areas off the California coast to allow the U.S. Navy to continue exercises and testing while allowing for the expansion of the southern sea otter into these Navy testing areas; Hayworth amendment (No. 16) that expresses the Sense of Congress that the DoD should not convert the performance of any function from performance by a contractor to performance by DoD civilian employee unless the function is inherently governmental in nature; Pingree amendment (No. 21) that adds a Sense of Congress that Military Sexual Trauma (MST) continues to be a significant problem within the DoD and many victims of MST suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder; Bishop (NY) amendment (No. 23) that expresses the sense of Congress that the remains of crewmen from the George 1 seaplane should be recovered from Thurston Island, Antarctica; Petri amendment (No. 25) that compensates certain military personnel who were prevented from using extra leave time, which was earned through multiple or extended deployments overseas as part of the Post-Deployment/Mobilization Respite Absence program, due to a government error; Israel amendment (No. 27) that authorizes a pilot program on enhancements of DoD efforts on

mental health in the National Guard and Reserves through public-private partnerships; Posey amendment (No. 28) that directs the Secretary of Defense to work with non-Federal entities and accept non-Federal funding under strict implementation guidelines to promote efficiencies of the space transportation infrastructure of the DoD in commercial space activities; Bishop (NY) amendment (No. 40) that honors the service of Air Raid Wardens and all other Americans who volunteered for service for the United States Office of Civilian Defense during World War II; Ellison amendment (No. 43) that prohibits the authorization of Defense Department funds for tear gas and other riot control items to Middle East and North African countries undergoing democratic transition unless the Secretary of Defense certifies to the appropriate Congressional committees that the security forces of such countries are not using excessive force to repress peaceful, lawful and organized dissent; Turner (OH) amendment (No. 57) that amends sections 3115 and 3202 to clarify that ensuring “adequate protection” is the applicable nuclear safety standard for defense nuclear facilities; that nuclear safety policies, regulations, analysis, and recommendations should be risk-based; and that nothing in these sections shall be construed to require a reduction in nuclear safety standards; Chu amendment (No. 74) that requires the DoD to provide an annual report to Congress on the prevalence of hazing and what actions they have taken to respond to and prevent hazing; Slaughter amendment (No. 83) that requires the DoD to conduct an educational campaign regarding the Board of Correction for Military Records as an avenue for relief in cases where a current or former member of the Armed Forces has experienced retaliatory personnel actions for making a report of sexual assault or sexual harassment; Larsen (WA) amendment (No. 95) that requires an assessment and report relating to infrared technology sectors; Murphy (CT) amendment (No. 97) that gives manufacturers the opportunity to provide information to the DoD regarding how their bid for a contract will affect domestic employment; Larsen (WA) amendment (No. 102) that requires reports on the costs of maintaining and modernizing the nuclear deterrent; Lewis (GA) amendment (No. 107) that requires the Secretary of Defense to post the cost of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq to each American taxpayer on the DoD’s website; and Smith (WA) amendment (No. 126) that removes commercial satellites and related components from the United States munitions list; **Pages H2997–H3008**

McKeon en bloc amendment No. 2 that consists of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 112–485: Flake amendment (No. 33) that requires the DoD to compile a report describing written

communications to the Department from Congress regarding military construction projects on the future years defense program; Grimm amendment (No. 36) that amends the 2003 NDAA to increase the number of authorized Weapon of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams within the Army National Guard from 55 to 57; Bordallo amendment (No. 65) that codifies the role and missions that the National Guard can perform under the State Partnership Program (SPP); Altmire amendment (No. 66) that requires the DoD to conduct a report to Congressional defense committees on the feasibility of providing market-rate or below-market-rate telecommunications services to uniformed personnel transiting through foreign airports to and from deployment overseas, and investigate allegations of telecom companies specifically targeting military personnel in transit with above-market-rate fees; Welch amendment (No. 75) that provides for coordination between Small Business Development Centers and Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program for the purpose of providing assistance to program recipients interested in starting a business; Boswell amendment (No. 85) that directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the effects of multiple deployments on the well-being of military personnel; Boswell amendment (No. 89) that directs the DoD and VA to conduct a joint study on the incidence rate of breast cancer in service members and veterans; DeLauro amendment (No. 93) that prohibits the Defense Department from awarding a contract to supply helicopters to the Afghan Security Forces, directly or indirectly, to any entity controlled, directed or influenced by a state that has supplied weapons to Syria or a state-sponsor of terrorism; Welch amendment (No. 98) that requires the Army, Navy and Air Force to report to Congress on the progress of entering into Energy Savings Performance Contracts for the purpose of undergoing energy efficiency retrofits on military installations; Holt amendment (No. 100) that creates a National Language Service Corps to create a pool of personnel with foreign language skills upon whom the Department or other Federal agencies can call upon as needed; Holt amendment (No. 104) that creates a Federal Mortuary Affairs Advisory Commission, modeled on the 9/11 Commission, in response to the Dover Port Mortuary scandal; Welch amendment (No. 124) that requires the DoD to report to Congress on the sustainability of any large scale infrastructure project built in Afghanistan; Flake amendment (No. 127) that requires that, pursuant to the authorizations in Title XV, any funds appropriated to an Overseas Contingency Operations Transfer Fund be used only to fund items or activities requested by the President for overseas contingency

operations; and Hunter amendment (No. 128) that extends the authority for the use of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Fund to enable better protection for deployed U.S. forces from improvised explosive devices; **Pages H3026–33**

Connolly amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that withholds funds from the Coalition Support Fund until the Secretary of Defense certifies that Pakistan has opened the Ground Lines of Communication, is allowing the transit of NATO supplies through Pakistan into Afghanistan, and is supporting the retrograde of U.S. equipment out of Afghanistan (by a recorded vote of 412 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 265); **Pages H3014–15, H3035**

Rooney amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that directs the Department of Defense to hold detainee trials in the US Facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and not in the United States (by a recorded vote of 249 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 266); **Pages H3015–17, H3035–36**

Bartlett amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that prevents Federal agencies from requiring contractors to sign an anti-competitive and costly project labor agreement (PLA) as a condition of winning a Federal construction contract (by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 209 noes, Roll No. 267); **Pages H3017–19, H3036–37**

Wittman amendment (No. 24 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that establishes a uniformed military Chain of Command for Army National Military Cemeteries and requires that upon the completion of the tenure of the current civilian director, the director position will be filled by a commissioned officer in the United States Military; **Pages H3056–57**

McKeon en bloc amendment No. 3 that consists of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 112–485: Brown (FL) amendment (No. 35) that authorizes remediation of a navigational hazard endangering cargo and military vessels and affecting economic development in the region; Baca amendment (No. 37) that reduces the DoD strategic environmental research development program by \$4 million and authorizes the US geological survey to conduct a study of water resources and perchlorate contamination in the Rialto-Colton Basin; Granger amendment (No. 44) that provides Taiwan with critically needed United States-built multirole fighter aircraft to strengthen its self-defense capability against the increasing military threat from China; Carson amendment (No. 60) that requires the DoD to conduct a survey of all service members deployed since September 11, 2001 to determine what personal safety equipment was not provided by the military and what equipment was purchased by the service member, family, or someone else; Smith (WA) amendment (No. 63) that provides the authority for

a Secretary of a military department to enter into cooperative agreements with Indian Tribes for land management associated with military installations and state-owned National Guard installations; Cravaack amendment (No. 69) that provides for a sense of Congress that fighter wings performing the 24-hour Aerospace Control Alert mission provide an essential service in defending the sovereign airspace of the United States in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001; Cummings amendment (No. 71) that adds the Coast Guard to sections 507 and 535 of the bill, which require the Secretary of Defense to develop plans to expand diversity and prevent and track hazing; Thompson (CA) amendment (No. 80) that provides for the advancement of Brigadier General Charles E. Yeager, United States Air Force (Retired), on the retired list; Smith (WA) amendment (No. 84) that establishes a Sexual Assault Oversight Council to provide independent oversight of the DoD as it implements sexual assault policies and laws to prevent and prosecute sexual assault in the Armed Forces; Terry amendment (No. 86) that amends title 4, United States Code, to authorize members of the Armed Forces not in uniform and veterans to render a military salute during the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance; Carson amendment (No. 87) that requires the DoD to provide mid-deployment mental health screenings to service members deployed in combat zones; Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 91) that directs the DoD Office of Health to work in collaboration with the National Institutes of Health to provide resources to identify specific genetic and molecular targets and biomarkers for Triple Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC); Rivera amendment (No. 94) that prohibits any procurement contracts with any persons that have business operations with a state sponsor of terrorism; Meehan amendment (No. 109) that requires the Department of State to make a determination on whether or not Boko Haram meets the criteria to be designated a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO); Pompeo amendment (No. 110) that expresses the Sense of Congress on the occasion of Air Mobility Command's 20th anniversary; Quayle amendment (No. 117) that adds a new element at the end of Section 2867 (d)(1) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 that the report also include progress updates on consolidation goals and cost savings achieved during the preceding fiscal year; Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 130) that requires the Secretary of Defense to conduct an assessment to determine whether the DoD has carried out sufficient outreach programs to assist minority and women-owned small business; Tsongas amendment (No. 137) that provides that the Secretary of the Air Force may enter into discussions with the

Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a project to improve and modernize the Lincoln Laboratory complex at Hanscom Air Force Base; and Cummings amendment (No. 140) that requires notification to Congress and publication on the Internet of information pertaining to the issuance of waivers to allow non-Jones Act qualified vessels to carry cargo between points in the United States; **Pages H3061–67**

Gingrey amendment (No. 39 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that expresses the sense of Congress that active military personnel that either live in or are stationed in Washington, DC would be exempt from existing District of Columbia firearms restrictions; **Pages H3073–75**

Lamborn amendment (No. 50 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that limits the availability of funds for Cooperative Threat Reduction activities with Russia until the Secretary of Defense can certify that Russia is no longer supporting the Syrian regime and is not providing to Syria, North Korea or Iran any equipment or technology that contributes to the development of weapons of mass destruction; **Pages H3085–86**

Petri amendment (No. 52 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that clarifies that direct use solar energy technology is considered a renewable energy source for the purposes of the requirement that DoD obtain 25% of its facility energy from renewable sources by 2025; and **Pages H3092–93**

Bartlett amendment (No. 53 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that requires a report from the US Marine Corps regarding the proposed transfer of land from the Bureau of Land Management to the U.S. Marine Corps for the expansion of 29 Palms for a Training Range Facility. **Pages H3093–94**

Rejected:

Kucinich amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that sought to prohibit the Joint Special Operations Command from conducting “signature” drone strikes, drone strikes against targets whose identity is not known or based solely on patterns of behavior of this target; **Pages H3008–09**

Conyers amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that sought to terminate the F–35B aircraft program. Would have authorized the Secretary to procure an additional number of F/A–18E or F/A–18F aircraft to replace the F–35B aircraft; **Pages H3019–21**

Quigley amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that sought to eliminate funds available for procurement of the V–22 Osprey aircraft, and put the savings toward deficit reduction; **Pages H3021–22**

Rohrabacher amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that sought to prohibit the availability of funds for assistance to Pakistan in fiscal

year 2013 (by a recorded vote of 84 ayes to 335 noes, Roll No. 263); **Pages H3009–11, H3033–34**

Lee amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that sought to end the war in Afghanistan by limiting funding to the safe and orderly withdrawal of U.S. troops and military contractors from Afghanistan (by a recorded vote of 113 ayes to 303 noes, Roll No. 264); **Pages H3011–14, H3034–35**

Markey amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that sought to delay the development of the new long-range nuclear-capable bomber by ten years and the funding in the bill would be reduced by \$291,742,000, which is the amount planned for this bomber (by a recorded vote of 112 ayes to 308 noes, Roll No. 268); and **Pages H3022–24, H3037**

Polis amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that sought to reduce the amount for the ground-based midcourse missile defense system by \$403 million (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 252 noes, Roll No. 269). **Pages H3024–26, H3037–38**

Withdrawn:

Carnahan amendment (No. 51 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have integrated duplicative functions related to contingency operation planning, management, and oversight, which are currently spread over several U.S. Departments and Agencies, into the U.S. Office for Contingency Operations (OCO). **Pages H3086–92**

Proceedings Postponed:

Coffman amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that seeks to reintroduce competition to the contracting of government services and repeal the moratorium on A–76 procedures; **Pages H3049–51**

Keating amendment (No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that seeks to freeze the transfer, reduction or elimination of Air National Guard units supporting an Air and Space Operations Center or an Air Force Forces Staff until the impact of the unit's loss and certain other information is provided to Congress; **Pages H3051–53**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 19 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that seeks to eliminate the maximum age limitation for individuals seeking to enlist in the U.S. military, provided they meet all of the other current qualifications for enlistment; **Pages H3053–54**

Carson amendment (No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that seeks to prohibit military promotion boards from considering any information from official documents, word of mouth, or in writing on the pursuit of treatment or counseling for mental health or addiction issues and to require the information on this prohibition to be promulgated to current service members; **Pages H3054–56**

Cummings amendment (No. 26 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that seeks to expand the protections under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) to include servicemembers serving in a contingency operation, surviving spouses of servicemembers whose deaths are service-connected, and veterans who are totally disabled at the time of discharge; and to repeal the sunset provision that is set to expire at the end of this year and increases fines for violations of the SCRA;

Pages H3057–59

Sablan amendment (No. 29 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that seeks to amend 10 U.S.C. 7310(a) to include the Northern Mariana Islands as an eligible location, in addition to the United States and Guam, for the overhaul, repair and maintenance of naval vessels and other vessels under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Navy;

Pages H3059–61

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 30 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that seeks to include a finding stating that the deployment of tactical nuclear weapons to South Korea would destabilize the Western Pacific region and would not be in the national security interests of the United States;

Pages H3067–68

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 31 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that seeks to require the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs to report to Congress regarding whether nuclear weapons reductions pursuant to the New START Treaty are in the national security interests of the United States;

Pages H3068–70

Price (GA) amendment (No. 32 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that seeks to prohibit the President from making unilateral reductions to U.S. nuclear forces;

Pages H3070–71

Rigell amendment (No. 38 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that seeks to replace the pending sequester of discretionary spending for fiscal year 2013 and replaces it by reducing the discretionary spending limit for that year so that it conforms with the concurrent resolution on the budget deemed in force in the House, but this replacement is contingent upon the enactment of spending reductions over five years of at least the amount of the sequester it supplants; and to also require a detailed report on the impact of the sequestration of funds authorized and appropriated for Fiscal Year 2013 for the Department of Defense;

Pages H3071–73

Lee amendment (No. 42 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that seeks to limit Department of Defense funding to the amount authorized under the Budget Control Act of 2011, resulting in an \$8 billion reduction in spending from the level authorized by the House Armed Services Committee;

Pages H3075–76

Gohmert amendment (No. 45 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that seeks to clarify that the FY 2012 National Defense Authorization Act and the 2001 Au-

thorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) do not deny the writ of habeas corpus or deny any Constitutional rights for persons detained in the United States under the AUMF who are entitled to such rights;

Pages H3076–78

Smith (WA) amendment (No. 46 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that seeks to strike section 1022 of the FY2012 NDAA and amends Section 1021 of same Act to eliminate indefinite military detention of any person detained under AUMF authority in U.S., territories or possessions by providing immediate transfer to trial and proceedings by a court established under Article III of the Constitution of the United States or by an appropriate State court;

Pages H3078–81

Duncan (SC) amendment (No. 47 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that seeks to limit funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act to any institution or organization established by the Convention on the Law of the Sea, including the International Seabed Authority, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, and the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf;

Page H3081

Coffman amendment (No. 48 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that seeks to authorize the President to remove all Brigade Combat Teams that are permanently stationed in Europe and replace them with a rotational force;

Pages H3081–83

Lee amendment (No. 49 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that seeks to appoint a Special Envoy for Iran to ensure that all diplomatic avenues are pursued to avoid a war with Iran and to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon;

Pages H3083–85

Franks (AZ) amendment (No. 54 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that seeks to limit the availability of funds for nuclear nonproliferation activities with the Russian Federation; and

Pages H3094–95

Pearce amendment (No. 55 printed in H. Rept. 112–485) that seeks to strike section 3156 from the bill.

Pages H3095–97

H. Res. 661, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 260, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 259.

Pages H2827–46

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 661 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote.

Pages H2827–28

Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House debated the Representative Barrow motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4348. Further proceedings were postponed.

Pages H3038–44

Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House debated the Representative Rahall motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4348. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H3044–49**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to Burma is to continue in effect beyond May 20, 2012—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Rept. 112–110). **Pages H2826–27**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3022.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2844–45, H2845–46, H2846, H2846–47, H3033–34, H3034–35, H3035, H3035–36, H3036–37, H3037, H3037–38. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:32 a.m. on Friday, May 18th.

Committee Meetings

FORMULATION OF THE 2012 FARM BILL: COMMODITY PROGRAMS AND CROP INSURANCE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing entitled “Formulation of the 2012 Farm Bill: Commodity Programs and Crop Insurance”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup of Defense Appropriations Bill for FY 2013. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill for FY 2013. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 4471, the “Gasoline Regulations Act of 2012”; and H.R. 4480, the “Strategic Energy Production Act of 2012”. H.R. 4471 was ordered reported, without amendment and H.R. 4480 was ordered reported, as amended.

EXAMINING THE SETTLEMENT PRACTICES OF U.S. FINANCIAL REGULATORS

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Settlement Practices of U.S. Financial Regulators”. Testimony was

heard from Scott Alvarez, General Counsel, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Robert Khuzami, Director, Division of Enforcement, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Richard J. Osterman, Jr., Deputy General Counsel, Litigation and Resolutions Branch, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Daniel P. Stipano, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, William F. Galvin, Secretary, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

U.S. INSURANCE SECTOR: INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS AND JOBS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “U.S. Insurance Sector: International Competitiveness and Jobs”. Testimony was heard from Michael T. McRaith, Director, Federal Insurance Office, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

IRAN SANCTIONS: STRATEGY, IMPLEMENTATION, AND ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Iran Sanctions: Strategy, Implementation, and Enforcement”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT: CHALLENGES AND POTENTIAL

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a joint hearing entitled “The Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement: Challenges and Potential”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CUBA’S GLOBAL NETWORK OF TERRORISM, INTELLIGENCE, AND WARFARE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Cuba’s Global Network of Terrorism, Intelligence, and Warfare”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY: AN EXAMINATION OF ETHICAL STANDARDS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management held a hearing entitled “Department of Homeland Security: An Examination of Ethical Standards”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Homeland Security officials: Charles K. Edwards, Acting Inspector General; Thomas S. Winkowski, Acting