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Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4647–S4679

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1383–1388. **Page S4675**

Measures Reported:

S. 745, to amend title 38, United States Code, to protect certain veterans who would otherwise be subject to a reduction in educational assistance benefits, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Considered:

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2055, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Coburn (for McCain) Amendment No. 553, to eliminate the additional amount of \$10,000,000, not included in the President’s budget request for fiscal year 2012, appropriated for the Department of Defense for planning and design for the Energy Conservation Investment Program.

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Johnson (SD) Modified Amendment No. 556, of a perfecting nature.

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Vitter Amendment No. 568, to provide that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be obligated or expended at a rate higher than the level of the Senate and House of Representatives concurrent budget resolution for fiscal year 2012.

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Wyden/Merkley Amendment No. 570, to provide for the closure of Umatilla Army Chemical Depot, Oregon.

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Coburn Amendment No. 564, to require evidence of causal relationships for presumptions by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of service connection for diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 20, 2011; provided further, that at 12 p.m., on Wednesday, July 20, 2011, Senator Johnson (SD), be recognized to move to table Vitter Amendment No. 568 (listed above); and that there be no amendments or points of order in order to the Vitter amendment prior to the vote on the motion to table.

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Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and recessed at 6:54 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 20, 2011. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4679.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Madelyn R. Creedon, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary for Global Strategic Affairs, who was introduced by Senators Lugar and Bingaman, and Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine enhanced consumer financial protection after the financial crisis, after receiving testimony from Mike Calhoun, Center for Responsible Lending, Durham, North Carolina; Marcus Schaefer, Truiant Federal Credit Union, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Albert C. Kelly, Jr., American Bankers Association, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Lynn Drysdale, Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Jacksonville, Florida; and Andrew Pincus, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Adam J. Levitin, Georgetown University Law Center, both of Washington, D.C.

THE FUTURE OF NATURAL GAS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the recent report of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) energy initiative entitled “The Future of Natural Gas”, after receiving testimony from Howard Gruenspecht, Acting Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Ernest J. Moniz, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; and George Biltz, The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Michigan.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kenneth J. Kopocis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Rebecca R. Wodder, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, who was introduced by Senator Cardin, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David S. Adams, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, who was introduced by Representative Ackerman, and Joyce A. Barr, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary for Administration, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

UNITED STATES POLICY IN YEMEN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a hearing to examine United States policy in Yemen, after receiving testimony from Janet A. Sanderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, and Daniel Benjamin, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, both of the Department of State; Christa Capozzola, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; Christopher Boucek, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Daniel R. Green, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, both of Washington, D.C.

SPRING STORMS OF 2011

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery and Intergovernmental Affairs concluded a hearing to examine 2011 spring storms, focusing on picking up the pieces and building back stronger, after receiving testimony from Richard Serino, Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Christopher Masingill, Federal Co-Chairman, Delta Regional Authority, Clarksdale, Mississippi; David Maxwell, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management Director and State Homeland Security Advisor, North Little Rock; Thomas M. Womack, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Executive Director, Pearl; and Brian O'Brian, Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, Joplin, Missouri.

DRUG AND VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism concluded a hearing to examine Drug and Veterans Treatment Courts, focusing on seeking cost-effective solutions for protecting public safety and reducing recidivism, after receiving testimony from Benjamin B. Tucker, Deputy Director for the Office of State, Local and Tribal Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President; Jeanne E. LaFazia, Rhode Island District Court Chief Judge, Providence; Douglas B. Marlowe, National Association of Drug Court Professionals, Alexandria, Virginia; David B. Muhlhausen, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.; and Martin Sheen, Los Angeles, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 2582, 2583, 2585–2593 were introduced. **Pages H5238–39**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5239**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2584, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–151);

H.R. 1021, to prevent the termination of the temporary office of bankruptcy judges in certain judicial districts, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–152);

H.R. 1933, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the requirements for admission of nonimmigrant nurses in health professional shortage areas, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–153);

H.R. 2480, to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States for fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–154);

Supplemental Report on H.R. 1315, to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to strengthen the review authority of the Financial Stability Oversight Council of regulations issued by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (H. Rept. 112–89, Pt. 2);

Supplemental Report on H.R. 1667, to postpone the date for the transfer of functions to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection if the Bureau does not yet have a Director in place (H. Rept. 112–93, Pt. 2);

Supplemental Report on H.R. 1121, to replace the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection with a five person Commission (H. Rept. 112–107, Pt. 2); and

H. Res. 357, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2553) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–155). **Page H5238**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Poe to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5153**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Pages H5165–66**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 304 yeas to 112 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 607. **Page H5228**

Oath of Office—Thirty-Sixth Congressional District of California: Representative-elect Janice Hahn presented herself 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 from Mr. Jacob Corbin, Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office, State of California, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held July 12, 2011, the Honorable Janice Hahn was elected Representative to Congress for the Thirty-Sixth Congressional District, State of California. **Page H5237**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from California, Ms. Hahn, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 433. **Page H5183**

Cut, Cap, and Balance Act of 2011: The House passed H.R. 2560, to cut, cap, and balance the Federal budget, by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 606. **Pages H5171–H5228**

Rejected the Bishop (GA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Rules with instructions to report an amendment back to the House forthwith, by a yea-and-nay vote of 188 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 605. **Pages H5226–27**

H. Res. 355, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 604, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 603. **Pages H5181, H5183**

Message From the Clerk: Read a message from the Clerk wherein she notified the House that she received a correspondence regarding the election to fill the vacancy of the Thirty-Sixth Congressional District for the State of California. The message and accompanying document were referred to the Committee on House Administration and ordered printed (H. Doc. 112–44). **Page H5166**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5171.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 25 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H5237**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5181,

H5183, H5226–27, H5227–28 and H5228. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

AIRPORT AND AIRWAY EXTENSION ACT OF 2011, PART IV

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2553, the “Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2011, Part IV”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8 to 4, a closed rule providing one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Mica; Rep. Petri; and Rep. Thompson of Pennsylvania.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine providing legal services by members of the Judge Advocate Generals’ Corps, 2 p.m., SR–232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine access to capital, focusing on fostering job creation and innovation through high-growth startups, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine building American transportation infrastructure through innovative funding, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine looking to the future, focusing on lessons in prevention, response, and restoration from the Gulf oil spill, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Yellowstone River oil spill, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Earl Anthony Wayne, of Mary-

land, to be Ambassador to Mexico, and Arnold A. Chacon, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, both of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider any pending nominations, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Federal regulation, focusing on a review of legislative proposals, part II, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine S. 598, to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage, focusing on assessing the impact of the Defense of Marriage Act on American families, 9:45 a.m., SH–216.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: to hold hearings to examine counternarcotics efforts in Afghanistan, focusing on future counternarcotics efforts in the country as United States troop levels are reduced in the coming years, 2:30 p.m., SD–562.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry, hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of USDA Energy and Forestry Programs, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, markup of legislation regarding the “SAFE DATA Act,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Regulatory Reform Series #5—FDA Medical Device Regulation: Impact on American Patients, Innovation and Jobs,” 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 2527, the “Baseball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Act”; H.R. 1751, the “CJ’s Home Protection Act of 2011”; H.R. 2056, to instruct the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to study the impact of insured depository institution on failures, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1539, the “Asset-Backed Market Stabilization Act of 2011,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2012, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, begin markup of the following: H.R. 704, the “Security and Fairness Enhancement for America Act of 2011”; H.R. 1550, the “Federal Law Enforcement Recruitment and Retention Act of 2011”; H.R. 2076, the “Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act of 2011”; H.R. 963, the “See Something, Say Something Act of 2011”; H.R. 1059, To protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes; H.R. 2552, the “Identity Theft Improvement Act of 2011”; and H.R. 1981, the “Protecting Children From Internet Pornographers Act of 2011,”

10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn. This markup will continue on July 21, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 241, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California; H.R. 258, the “Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2011”; H.R. 461, the “South Utah Valley Electric Conveyance Act”; H.R. 473, the “HALE Scouts Act” or “Help to Access Land for the Education of Scouts”; H.R. 795, the “Small-Scale Hydropower Enhancement Act of 2011”; H.R. 818, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District; H.R. 1158, the “Montana Mineral Conveyance Act”; H.R. 1258, the “Box Elder Utah Land Conveyance Act”; H.R. 1421, to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 to clarify the role of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma with regard to the maintenance of the W.D. Mayo Lock and

Dam in Oklahoma; H.R. 1560, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe; H.R. 2011, the “National Strategic and Critical Minerals Policy Act of 2011,” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1315, the “Consumer Financial Protection Safety and Soundness Improvement Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2551, the “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, FY 2012.” 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the following: H.R. 2383, the “Modernizing Notice to Claimants Act”; H.R. 2243, the “Veterans Employment Promotion Act”; H.R. 2388, the “Access to Timely Information Act”; and draft legislation, 9 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 20

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Wednesday, July 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2055, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, with a vote in relation to Vitter Amendment No. 568, at approximately 12 noon.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 2553—Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2011, Part IV (Subject to a Rule).

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