

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4253–S4311

Measures Introduced: Five bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3310–3314, S.J. Res. 45, and S. Res. 496–499. **Page S4299**

Measures Passed:

Intelligence or Intelligence-Related Activity Funds: Senate passed S. 3314, to specifically authorize certain funds for an intelligence or intelligence-related activity. **Pages S4307–08**

Juneteenth Independence Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 496, observing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day. **Pages S4308–10**

Congratulating the Los Angeles Kings: Senate agreed to S. Res. 497, congratulating the Los Angeles Kings on winning the 2012 Stanley Cup Championship. **Page S4309**

American Eagle Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 498, designating June 20, 2012, as “American Eagle Day”, and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States. **Pages S4309–10**

National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering 10th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 499, recognizing the tenth anniversary of the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering. **Page S4310**

Measures Considered:

Flood Insurance Reform And Modernization Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1940, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund. **Pages S4253–66**

Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 3240, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4266–83**

Adopted:

Reid (for Stabenow/Roberts) Amendment No. 2389, of a perfecting nature. **Page S4266**

Akaka Amendment No. 2440, to improve a provision relating to loans to purchasers of highly fractionated land. **Page S4266**

Akaka Amendment No. 2396, to establish the Office of Tribal Relations in the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture. **Pages S4266–67**

Baucus/Tester Amendment No. 2429, to improve the livestock forage disaster program. **Pages S4267–68**

By 66 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 124), Snowe/Gillibrand Modified Amendment No. 2190, to require Federal milk marketing order reform. **Page S4268**

By 75 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 125), Grassley Amendment No. 2167, to provide payment limitations for marketing loan gains and loan deficiency payments. **Pages S4269–70**

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 126), Brown (OH) Amendment No. 2445, to strengthen rural communities and foster the next generation of farmers and ranchers. **Page S4270**

By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 128), Cantwell Amendment No. 2370, to encourage the purchase of pulse crop products for school meals programs. **Pages S4271–72**

Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 2243, to ensure that performance bonus payments are used by State agencies only to carry out the supplemental nutrition assistance program. **Page S4272**

By 73 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 130), Casey Amendment No. 2238, to require more frequent dairy reporting. **Page S4273**

Coons/Chambliss Amendment No. 2426, to provide for studies on the feasibility of establishing a business disruption insurance policy for poultry producers and a catastrophic event insurance policy for poultry producers. **Page S4274**

Feinstein Amendment No. 2422, to modify a provision relating to conservation innovation grants and payments. **Page S4274**

Kerry (for McCain) Amendment No. 2199, to repeal a duplicative program relating to inspection and grading of catfish. **Page S4275**

By 76 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 133), Feinstein/Chambliss Amendment No. 2309, to require a study into the feasibility of an insurance product that covers food safety recalls. **Page S4376**

Hagan Amendment No. 2366, to require the Risk Management Agency and the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to use plain language and a website to make crop insurance more accessible. **Page S4279**

DeMint Amendment No. 2262, to express the sense of the Senate that nothing in this Act or an amendment made by this Act should manipulate prices or interfere with the free market. **Pages S4279–80**

Kerry Amendment No. 2187, to extend eligibility for certain emergency loans to commercial fishermen. **Page S4280**

Landrieu Amendment No. 2321, to move a section from the rural development title to the credit title. **Page S4281**

Rejected:

By 38 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 123), Ayotte/Coburn Amendment No. 2192, to improve the program of value-added agricultural producer grants. **Page S4267**

By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 127), Sessions Amendment No. 2174, to limit categorical eligibility for the supplemental nutrition assistance program to those who receive cash assistance. **Pages S4270–71**

By 41 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 129), Sessions Amendment No. 2172, to end the State bonus payments for administering the supplemental nutrition assistance program. **Pages S4272–73**

By 15 yeas to 84 nays (Vote No. 131), Paul Amendment No. 2181, to establish an average adjusted gross income limitation of \$250,000 for all payments and benefits under the Farm Bill. **Pages S4273–74**

By 33 yeas to 66 nays (Vote No. 132), Alexander Amendment No. 2191, to provide that any cooperative organization or other entity that receives a business and industry direct or guaranteed loan for a wind energy project is ineligible for any other Federal benefit, assistance, or incentive for the project. **Pages S4274–75**

By 42 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 134), Toomey Amendment No. 2217, to eliminate the organic certification cost share assistance program. **Page S4276–77**

By 33 yeas to 66 nays (Vote No. 135), Gillibrand Modified Amendment No. 2156, to strike a reduction in the supplemental nutrition assistance program and increase funding for the fresh fruit and vegetable program, with an offset that limits crop insurance reimbursements to providers. **Pages S4277–78**

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 136), DeMint Amendment No. 2263, to maintain funding at current levels for programs providing access to broadband telecommunications services in rural areas. **Pages S4278–79**

By 14 yeas to 84 nays (Vote No. 137), DeMint Amendment No. 2268, to prohibit the Secretary from making loan guarantees. **Pages S4280–81**

By 20 yeas to 79 nays (Vote No. 138), DeMint Amendment No. 2276, to prohibit mandatory or compulsory check off programs. **Pages S4281–82**

Withdrawn:

Reid Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2391, of a perfecting nature. **Page S4266**

Reid Amendment No. 2390 (to Amendment No. 2389), to change the enactment date. **Page S4266**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

Reid Amendment No. 2406 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2391), to eliminate certain working lands conservation programs fell, when Reid Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2391, was withdrawn. **Page S4266**

Reid Amendment No. 2407 (to Amendment No. 2406), to convert all mandatory spending to discretionary spending subject to annual appropriations fell, when Reid Amendment No. 2406 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2391) fell. **Page S4266**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Bennet/Crapo Amendment No. 2202, which has been cleared by both sides, be in order. **Page S4283**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res, 37, to disapprove a rule promulgated by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency relating to emission standards for certain steam generating units, is not agreed to, Senate continue consideration of the bill and the votes on or in relation to the amendments remaining in the order. **Page S4311**

Boiler MACT/EPA—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, the Republican Leader be recognized to make a motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 37, to disapprove a rule promulgated by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency relating to emission standards for certain steam generating units; that the time until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with the Republicans controlling

the first 15 minutes, and the Majority controlling the second 15 minutes; and that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution; that if the motion to proceed is agreed to, all other provisions of the previous order with respects to the joint resolution remain in effect, and that if the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution is not agreed to, Senate continue consideration of S. 3240, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, and the votes on or in relation to the amendments remaining in order.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Brett H. McGurk, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, which was sent to the Senate on March 27, 2012.

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Messages from the House:

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Record Votes: Sixteen record votes were taken today. (Total—138)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:49 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4310.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the potential for induced seismicity from energy technologies, including carbon capture and storage, enhance geothermal systems, production from gas shales, and enhanced oil recovery, after receiving testimony from William Leith, Senior Science Advisor for Earthquake and Geologic Hazards, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Murray W. Hitzman, Colorado

School of Mines Department of Geology and Geological Engineering, Golden; Susan Petty, AltaRock Energy, Inc., Seattle, Washington; and Mark D. Zoback, Stanford University Department of Geophysics, Stanford, California.

EPA AIR STANDARDS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine a review of recent Environmental Protection Agency's air standards for hydraulically fractured natural gas wells and oil and natural gas storage, after receiving testimony from Regina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; John V. Corra, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Director, Cheyenne; William C. Allison, Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment Air Pollution Control Division Director, and Tisha Schuller, Colorado Oil and Gas Association, both of Denver; Fred Krupp, Environmental Defense Fund, New York, New York; and Darren Smith, Devon Energy Corporation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

FISCAL CRISIS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine confronting the looming fiscal crisis, after receiving testimony from former Senator Pete V. Domenici, and Alice Rivlin, both a Co-Chair, Bipartisan Policy Center Debt Reduction Task Force, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 641, to provide 100,000,000 people with first-time access to safe drinking water and sanitation on a sustainable basis within six years by improving the capacity of the United States Government to fully implement the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005;

S. 2165, to enhance strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4240, to reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004;

S. Res. 402, condemning Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for committing crimes against humanity and mass atrocities, and supporting ongoing efforts by the United States Government and governments in central Africa to remove Joseph Kony and Lord's Resistance Army commanders from the battlefield, with amendments;

S. Res. 429, supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day;

S. Res. 473, commending Rotary International and others for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio;

S. Res. 385, condemning the Government of Iran for its continued persecution, imprisonment, and sentencing of Youcef Nadarkhani on the charge of apostasy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Piper Anne Wind Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, Peter William Bodde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Dorothea-Maria Rosen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, Edward M. Alford, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, Mark L. Asquino, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Douglas M. Griffiths, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, Susan Marsh Elliott, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, Richard L. Morningstar, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Timothy M. Broas, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Jay Nicholas Anania, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, all of the Department of State, and lists in the Foreign Service.

TITLE IX

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Title IX, focusing on forty years and counting, after receiving

testimony from Rear Admiral Sandra L. Stosz, Superintendent, Coast Guard Academy, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Nancy Hogshead-Makar, Florida Coastal School of Law, Jacksonville; Mae C. Jemison, Houston, Texas; and Billie Jean King, New York, New York.

SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine reassessing solitary confinement, focusing on the human rights, fiscal and public safety consequences, after receiving testimony from Charles E. Samuels, Jr., Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice; Christopher Epps, Mississippi Commissioner of Corrections, Jackson; Stuart M. Andrews, Jr., Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc., Columbia, South Carolina; Anthony C. Graves, Anthony Believes, Houston, Texas; and Craig Haney, University of California, Santa Cruz.

TREATING SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus received a briefing on treating substance abuse disorder and expanding access to and resources for community-based treatment providers in the United States, after receiving testimony from Benjamin B. Tucker, Deputy Director of State, Local and Tribal Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President; Gary Tennis, Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs Incoming-Secretary, Harrisburg; Kathryn Icenhower, SHIELDS for Families, Inc., Los Angeles, California; and Sushma Taylor, Treatment Communities of America, San Rafael, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 5959–5971; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 690, 692–693 were introduced. **Pages H3806–07**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3807–08**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 691, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4480) to provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas exploration, development, and production under oil and gas leases of Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary

of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense in response to a drawdown of petroleum reserves from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (H. Rept. 112–540).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:02 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Oath of Office—Eighth Congressional District of Arizona: Representative-elect Ron Barber 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 from Ms. Amy B. Chan, State Election Director, Office of the Secretary of State, State of Arizona, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held June 12, 2012, the Honorable Ron Barber was elected Representative to Congress for the Eighth Congressional District, State of Arizona. **Page H3753**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Arizona, Mr. Barber, the whole number of the House is 433. **Page H3754**

Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative McKinley announced his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4348. **Page H3755**

Amending the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California: The House passed H.R. 2578, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 387. **Pages H3744–53, H3754–87**

Rejected the Perlmutter 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 188 yeas to 234 noes, Roll No. 386. **Pages H3785–86**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–25 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H3765**

Agreed to:

Hastings (WA) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–539) that makes technical and clarifying changes; reduces the size of the land conveyance in Title IV; conforms the text of Title VI to the House-passed version of the bill from the 111th Congress; and reduces the authorization of Title VIII to conform with Leadership protocols and **Page H3776**

Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–539) that clarifies the intent of the legislation and narrows the list of laws which may be waived for border security activities. It also adds provisions protecting private property and tribal sovereignty. **Pages H3779–81**

Rejected:

DeFazio amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–539) that sought to ensure that if the SEAlaska Native Corporation is allowed to clear-cut new areas of the Tongass National Forest in Alaska, it is subject to the same limitation on the export of unproc-

essed timber that applies to other national forests in the lower 48 (by a recorded vote of 184 yeas to 236 noes, Roll No. 383); **Pages H3776–78, H3782–83**

Markey amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–539) that sought to authorize a pilot project to test a small increase in federal grazing fees (by a recorded vote of 156 yeas to 268 noes, Roll No. 384); and **Pages H3778–79, H3783–84**

Grijalva amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–539) that sought to strike Title XIV which creates a 100-mile operation control zone for the Department of Homeland Security along the Northern and Southern borders of the United States (by a recorded vote of 177 yeas to 247 noes, Roll No. 385). **Pages H3781–82, H3784–85**

Withdrawn:

Hanabusa amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–539) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have excluded the state of Hawaii from the provisions of the bill that exempt the Department of Homeland Security from dozens of conservation laws within 100 miles of the nation's borders. **Page H3782**

H. Res. 688, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 240 yeas to 175 noes, Roll No. 382, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 381.

Pages H3444–53, H3754–55

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, June 18th:

Gila Bend Indian Reservation Lands Replacement Clarification Act: H.R. 2938, amended, to prohibit certain gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 343 yeas to 78 nays with 2 answering "present", Roll No. 388. **Page H3787**

Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House debated the Walz (MN) motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4348. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H3788–94**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3752–53, H3754–55, H3782–83, H3783–84, H3784, H3786, H3786–87, H3787. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup of Agriculture Appropriations Bill, FY 2013; and the Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Bill, FY 2013. The bills were ordered reported, as amended.

ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a markup of Activities and Summary Report of the Committee on the Budget. The Activities and Summary Report of the Committee on the Budget was passed.

AMERICAN ENERGY INITIATIVE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “The American Energy Initiative”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL GREEN JOBS AGENDA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Federal Green Jobs Agenda”. Testimony was heard from Molly F. Sherlock, Specialist in Public Finance Government and Finance Division, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began markup of H.R. 5859, to repeal an obsolete provision in title 49, United States Code, requiring motor vehicle insurance cost reporting; H.R. 5865, the “American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2012”; H.R. 4273, the “Resolving Environmental and Grid Reliability Conflicts Act of 2012”; H.R. 5892, the “Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2012”; H. Con. Res. 127, providing for the acceptance of a statue of Gerald R. Ford from the people of Michigan for placement in the United States Capitol; and Semi-Annual Committee Activity Report.

JPMORGAN CHASE’S TRADING LOSS

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining Bank Supervision and Risk Management in Light of JPMorgan Chase’s Trading Loss”. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Curry, Comptroller of the Currency, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; Mary Schapiro, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission; Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Martin J. Gruenberg, Acting Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Scott Alvarez, General Counsel, Federal Reserve Board of Governors; and a public witness.

BORDER SECURITY THREATS TO THE HOMELAND: DHS’ RESPONSE TO INNOVATIVE TACTICS AND TECHNIQUES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing “Border Security Threats to the Homeland: DHS’ Response to Innovative Tactics and Techniques”. Testimony was heard from Donna A. Bucella, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Intelligence and Investigative Liaison, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; James A. Dinkins, Executive Associate Director, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Rear Admiral William D. Lee, Deputy for Operations Policy and Capabilities, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and Rear Admiral Charles D. Michel Director, Joint Interagency Task Force South.

TSA’S PLANNED PURCHASE OF CAT/BPSS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “Is TSA’s Planned Purchase of CAT/BPSS a Wise Use of Taxpayer Dollars?”. Testimony was heard from Kelly Hoggan, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Security Capabilities, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and Stephen M. Lord, Director of Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATIONS IN THE MOBILE AND ONLINE SPACE, AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC POLICY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “New Technologies and Innovations in the Mobile and Online space, and the Implications for Public Policy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 5949, the “FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization Act of 2012”. The bill was ordered reported, without amendment.

TAXPAYER-FUNDED LITIGATION: BENEFITTING LAWYERS AND HARMING SPECIES, JOBS AND SCHOOLS

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Taxpayer-Funded Litigation: Benefitting Lawyers and Harming Species, Jobs and Schools”. Testimony was heard from Senator Sessions and Representative Lummis; Jerry Patterson, Commissioner, Texas General Land Office, Austin, Texas;

John Stokes, Facilities Development Project Coordinator, San Diego Unified School District, San Diego, California; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 2706, the “Billfish Conservation Act of 2011”; H.R. 3472, the “Pirate Fishing Vessel Disposal Act of 2011”; and H.R. 4100, the “Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from Eric Schwaab, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; John Graves, Chair, International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, Advisory Committee; and public witnesses.

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S GREEN ENERGY GAMBLE PART II

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending held a hearing entitled “The Obama Administration’s Green Energy Gamble Part II: Were All the Taxpayer Subsidies Necessary?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STRATEGIC ENERGY PRODUCTION ACT OF 2012

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4480, the “Strategic Energy Production Act of 2012”. The Committee granted, by a record vote, a structured rule providing two hours of general debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–24 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one

motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gardner, Rush, Gene Green (TX), Lamborn, Markey, Hanabusa, Hastings (FL), Polis, Jackson Lee (TX), Langevin, and Ellison.

BEST PRACTICES IN TRANSFORMING RESEARCH INTO INNOVATION: CREATIVE APPROACHES TO THE BAYH-DOLE ACT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Best Practices in Transforming Research into Innovation: Creative Approaches to the Bayh-Dole Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SCIENCE OF HOW HUNTING ASSISTS SPECIES CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigation and Oversight held a hearing entitled “The Science of How Hunting Assists Species Conservation and Management”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Ashe, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service; Nick Wiley, Executive Director, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; and public witnesses.

VBA CLAIMS TRANSFORMATION PLAN AS A MEANS TO EFFECTIVELY SERVE OUR VETERANS; AND ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Reclaiming the Process: Examining the VBA Claims Transformation Plan as a Means to Effectively Serve our Veterans”; and Approval of the Activities Report for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Testimony was heard from William J. Bosanko, Executive for Agency Services, National Archives and Records Administration; Linda Halliday, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; General Allison Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses. The Activities Report for The Committee on Veterans' Affairs was agreed to.

MEDPAC'S JUNE 2012 REPORT TO CONGRESS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “MedPAC’s June 2012 Report to Congress”. Testimony was heard from Glen M. Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

Joint Meetings

GOVERNMENT STATISTICS FUNDING

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic impact of ending or reducing funding for the American Community Survey and other government statistics, after receiving testimony from Kenneth D. Simonson, Associated General Contractors of America, Andrew Reamer, George Washington University Institute of Public Policy, and Grant D. Aldonas, Split Rock International, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.; and Keith Hall, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D601)

S. 292, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Signed on June 15, 2012. (Public Law 112-133)

S. 363, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey property of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi. Signed on June 15, 2012. (Public Law 112-134)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense programs and policies to support military families with special needs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine the initial public offering (IPO) process, focusing on ordinary investors, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine risks, opportunities, and oversight of commercial space, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on the Judiciary: To hold an oversight hearing to examine the United States Patent and Trademark Office, focusing on implementation of the Leahy-Smith

“America Invents Act” and international harmonizing efforts, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Holocaust-era claims in the 21st century, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Full Committee, markup of Financial Services Appropriations Bill, FY 2013, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, markup of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2013, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on Addressing the Iranian Nuclear Challenge: Understanding the Military Options, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Afghan National Security Forces: Resources, Strategy, and Timetable for Security Lead Transitions, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Assessing the Challenges Facing Multiemployer Pension Plans”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, continued markup of H.R. 5859, to repeal an obsolete provision in title 49, United States Code, requiring motor vehicle insurance cost reporting; H.R. 5865, the “American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2012”; H.R. 4273, the “Resolving Environmental and Grid Reliability Conflicts Act of 2012”; H.R. 5892, the “Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2012”; H. Con. Res. 127, providing for the acceptance of a statue of Gerald R. Ford from the people of Michigan for placement in the United States Capitol; and Semi-Annual Committee Activity Report, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Market Structure: Ensuring Orderly, Efficient, Innovative and Competitive Markets for Issuers and Investors”, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

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Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, markup to consider a report holding Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt of Congress for his failure to produce documents specified in the Committee’s October 12, 2011, subpoena, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining Priorities and Effec-

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Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Russia’s Accession to the World Trade Organization and Granting Russia Permanent Normal Trade Relations”, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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