

Monday, October 24, 2011

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 3:45:01 p.m. in pro forma session, and recessed at 3:45:32 p.m. until 11 a.m., on Thursday, October 27, 2011.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 3241–3253; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 445–446 were introduced. **Pages H7007–08**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7008–09**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 444, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1904) to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–258). **Page H7007**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Smith (NE) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6989**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Avelino Gonzalez, Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington, DC. **Page H6989**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:08 p.m. and reconvened at 4:15 p.m. **Page H6990**

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

Kantishna Hills Renewable Energy Act of 2011: H.R. 441, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve and to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc.; **Pages H6990–91**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for microhydro projects in nonwilderness areas with-

in the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve, to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc., and for other purposes." **Page H6991**

Amending the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic: H.R. 295, amended, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes; **Pages H6991–92**

McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act: H.R. 1160, amended, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey the McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery to the State of North Carolina, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 395 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 802; **Pages H6992–94, H7003**

South Utah Valley Electric Conveyance Act: H.R. 461, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District; **Pages H6994–95**

Directing the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District: 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; **Pages H6995–96**

Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act: H.R. 320, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 801; and

Pages H6996–97, H7002–03

European Union Emissions Trading Scheme Prohibition Act of 2011: H.R. 2594, to prohibit operators of civil aircraft of the United States from participating in the European Union's emissions trading scheme.

Pages H6997–H7002

Recess: The House recessed at 5:30 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7002–03, H7003. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

House

DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE: A NATIONAL SECURITY IMPERATIVE

Committee on Armed Services: Panel on Business Challenges within the Defense Industry, hearing on the Defense Industrial Base: A National Security Imperative. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SOUTHEAST ARIZONA LAND EXCHANGE AND CONSERVATION ACT OF 2011

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1904, the "Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2011." The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by 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 provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules committee report accompanying the resolution. 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 speci-

fied 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 part B of the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Testimony was heard from Chairman Hastings of Washington; Rep. Gosar; Rep. Markey; and Rep. Grijalva.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 25 through October 29, 2011

Senate Chamber

The Senate will not be in session and will meet on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 11 a.m. for a pro forma session only with no business conducted.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, October 25, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on military retirement reform, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

October 26, full Committee, hearing on economic consequences of defense sequestration, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

October 26, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Army acquisition and modernization, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

October 27, Panel on Defense Financial Management and Auditability Reform, hearing on DOD's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system implementation efforts, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

October 27, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on readiness in the age of austerity, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, October 25, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training, hearing on "Government-Run Student Loans: Ensuring the Direct Loan Program is Accountable to Students and Taxpayers." 10 a.m. 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, October 25, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 1633, the "Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011." 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 25, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Internet Gaming: Is there a Safe Bet?" 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 26, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and the Subcommittee on Health, joint hearing entitled "CLASS Cancelled: An Unsustainable Program and Its Consequences for the Nation's Deficit." 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, October 25, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “Insurance Oversight: Policy Implications for U.S. Consumers, Businesses and Jobs, Part 2,” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 25, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled “The Eurozone Crisis and Implications for the United States,” 10 a.m. 2128 Rayburn.

October 26, full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 2940, the “Access to Capital for Job Creators Act”; H.R. 2167, the “Private Company Flexibility and Growth Act”; H.R. 1965, to amend the securities laws to establish certain thresholds for shareholder registration, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2930, the “Entrepreneur Access to Capital Act.” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 27, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Proposed Regulations to Require Reporting of Nonresident Alien Deposit Interest Income.” 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, October 25, full Committee, hearing entitled “Deployment of U.S. Forces in Central Africa and Implementation of The Lord’s Resistance Army Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act.” 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 26, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on “The Expanding U.S.-Korea Alliance.” 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 27, full Committee, hearing entitled “Afghanistan and Pakistan: Transition and the Way Forward.” 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 27, Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, hearing entitled “The Eurozone Crisis: Destabilizing the Global Economy.” 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 27, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled “The Trafficking in Persons Report 2011: Truth, Trends, and Tier Rankings.” 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, October 25, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “Five Years Later: An Assessment of the Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act.” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

October 26, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence; and Subcommittee on Oversight Investigations and Management, joint hearing entitled “Iranian Terror Operations on American Soil.” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 25, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3010, the “Regulatory Accountability Act of 2011.” 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 25, full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 822, the “National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011”; H.R. 420, the “Veterans’ Heritage Firearms Act of 2011”; H.R. 10, the “Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2011”; H.R. 2870, the “Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act of 2011”; H.R. 1254, the “Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2011”; and H.R. 3012, the “Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act”. 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 26, full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing on the Department of Homeland Security.” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 26, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing entitled “The State of Religious Liberty in the United States.” 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 27, full Committee, continued markup of the following: H.R. 822, the “National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011”; H.R. 420, the “Veterans’ Heritage Firearms Act of 2011”; H.R. 10, the “Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2011”; H.R. 2870, the “Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act of 2011”; H.R. 1254, the “Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2011”; and H.R. 3012, the “Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act”. 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, October 25, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following: H.R. 41, the “Beauty Mountain and Agua Tibia Wilderness Act of 2011”; H.R. 113, the “Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests Protection Act”; H.R. 490, to modify the boundaries of Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico, to transfer certain Bureau of Land Management land for inclusion in the Manzano Mountain Wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 608, the “Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act”; H.R. 977, the “Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act”; H.R. 1126, the “Disposal of Excess Federal Lands Act of 2011”; H.R. 1413, the “Devil’s Staircase Wilderness Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2050, the “Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act”. 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

October 25, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on the following: H.R. 2027, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in Rhode Island; H.R. 2154, to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Gasparilla Island Unit FL-70P; H.R. 2236, the “Wildlife Refuge System Conservation Semipostal Stamp Act of 2011”; H.R. 2714, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow the transport, purchase, and sale of pelts of, and handicrafts, garments, and art produced from Southcentral and Southeast Alaska northern sea otters that are taken for subsistence purposes; H.R. 2719, the “Rattlesnake Mountain Public Access Act of 2011”; H.R. 3009, the “National Wildlife Refuge Review Act of 2011”; H.R. 3117, the “Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2011”. 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 26, full Committee, hearing entitled “The President’s New National Ocean Policy—A Plan for Further Restrictions on Ocean, Coastal and Inland Activities.” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 27, full Committee, hearing entitled “Gulf Coast Recovery: President Obama’s BP Compensation Fund, How Is It Working?” 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, October 27, Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia,

Census and the National Archives, hearing entitled “Examining Obamacare’s Hidden Marriage Penalty and Its Impact on the Deficit.” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 27, Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing entitled “Internal Control Weaknesses at the Department of Homeland Security.” 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

October 27, full Committee, hearing entitled “Lights Out II: Another Look at EPA’s Utility MACT Rule.” 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, October 25, full Committee, hearing on the following: H.R. 674, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the imposition of 3 percent withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities; and H.R. 2576, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the calculation of modified adjusted gross income for purposes of determining eligibility for certain healthcare-related programs. 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, October 26, full Committee, hearing entitled “NASA’s Commercial Crew Development Program: Accomplishments and Challenges.” 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 27, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight; and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, joint hearing entitled “Review of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future Draft Recommendations.” 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, October 26, full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Small Business

Administration’s Financing Programs.” 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

October 27, Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations, hearing entitled “Misrepresentation and Fraud: Bad Actors in the Small Business Procurement Programs.” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, October 26, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “The Economic Importance of Seaports: Is the United States Prepared for 21st Century Trade Realities?” 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, October 25, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Innovative Private Sector Technologies to Improve Patient Safety.” 11 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, October 25, full Committee, hearing on the U.S.-China economic relationship, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

October 27, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for children, 9 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, October 27, full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 10 a.m., HVC-304.

Joint Meetings

Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction: October 26, to hold hearings to examine an overview of discretionary outlays, security and non-security, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
11 a.m., Thursday, October 27

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Tuesday, October 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 2447—To grant the congressional gold medal to the Montford Point Marines; (2) H.R. 2527—National Baseball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Act; and (3) H.R. 2042—Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards Act of 2011. Consideration of H. Res. 444—Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1904) to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land.

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