

Friday, June 8, 2012

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 5882, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2013.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 2 p.m., on Monday, June 11, 2012.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 5929–5944; 1 private bill, H.R. 5945; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 129; and H. Res. 683–685, were introduced. **Pages H3698–99**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H3700**

Report Filed:

A report was filed today as follows:

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, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–520, Pt. 1). **Page H3698**

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2013: The House passed H.R. 5882, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 307 yeas to 102 nays, Roll No. 377. **Pages H3665–90**

Rejected the Pingree (ME) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 101 yeas to 309 nays, Roll No. 376. **Pages H3688–89**

Agreed to:

Holt amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–518) that adjusts funding for Congressional Printing and Binding under the GPO to address the availability of pocket versions of the United States Constitution for Members of the House; **Pages H3679–80**

Harper amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–518) that limits the print copies of the U.S. Code for the House of Representatives to 50 copies; **Page H3683**

Gosar amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–518) that reduces the budget for the Botanic Garden by \$1,235,000 for Fiscal Year 2013, so that it is appropriated resources at 2009 levels (by a recorded vote of 213 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 371); **Pages H3676–77, H3685**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–518) that reduces funding for the Congressional Research Service by \$878,000 (FY 2012 Level) and transfers \$878,000 to the Spending Reduction Account (by a recorded vote of 214 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 372); and **Pages H3677–79, H3685–86**

Scalise amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–518) that reduces by \$1,000,000 the amount provided for the Open World Leadership Center and directs that \$1,000,000 to the Spending Reduction Account (by a recorded vote of 204 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 373). **Pages H3680–81, H3686–87**

Rejected:

Moran amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–518) that sought to prohibit the use of polystyrene products in food service facilities in the House of Representatives (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 374) and

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Flake amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–518) that sought to prohibit funding for the purchase of paid online advertisements by Members, committees, and leadership offices (by a recorded vote of 148 ayes to 261 noes, Roll No. 375).

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H. Res. 679, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 436) and (H.R. 5882), was agreed to yesterday, June 7th.

Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Broun (GA) motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4348 by a yea-and-nay vote of 82 yeas to 323 nays, Roll No. 378. The motion was debated yesterday, June 7th.

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Allowing the Chief of the Forest Service to award certain contracts for large air tankers: The House agreed to discharge and pass S. 3261, to allow the Chief of the Forest Service to award certain contracts for large air tankers.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 12th; when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 15th; and when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 18th.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3685, H3685–86, H3686–87, H3687, H3687–88, H3689, H3689–90, and H3690–91. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MEDICARE CONTRACTORS' EFFORTS TO FIGHT FRAUD

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Medicare Contractors’ Efforts to Fight Fraud—Moving Beyond ‘Pay and Chase’”. Testimony was heard from Robert A. Vito, Regional Inspector General, Office of Evaluations and Inspections, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Kathleen M. King Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Ted Doolittle

Deputy Director, Center for Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIATION THERAPY TECHNOLOGISTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health, hearing “Examining the Appropriateness of Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Technologists”. Testimony was heard from John Spiegel, Director, Medicare Program Integrity Group, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee completed markup of H.R. 4369, the “Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act of 2012”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND AND ITS IMPACT ON AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA NATIVES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing entitled “Federal Communications Commission’s rule on the Universal Service Fund and its impact on American Indians and Alaska Natives”. Testimony was heard from Geoffrey Blackwell, Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, Federal Communications Commission; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forest and Public Lands, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 3641 “Pinnacles National Park Act”; H.R. 3894, the “Pullman Historic Site National Park Service Study Act”; H.R. 4606, to authorize the issuance of right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 5544, the “Minnesota Education Investment and Employment Act”; and H.R. 5791, the “Emergency Water Supply Restoration Act”. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Farr; Jackson (IL); Cravaack; and Flake; Leslie Weldon; Deputy Chief, United States Forest Service; Victor Knox, Associate Director for Park Planning, Facilities and Lands, National Park Service; Denise Dittrich, Minnesota House of Representatives; Jerry Muenzer, Supervisor, District Four, San Benito County Board of Supervisors; and public witnesses.

FRAMEWORK FOR EVALUATING CERTAIN EXPIRING TAX PROVISIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing entitled “Framework for Evaluating Certain Expiring Tax Provisions”. Testimony was heard from Jim White, Director, Tax Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of June 11 through June 15, 2012

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3240, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act. At 4:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Andrew David Hurwitz, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at approximately 5:30 p.m.

If cloture is not invoked on the nomination of Andrew David Hurwitz, Senate will agree to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, June 12, 2012. If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Andrew David Hurwitz, that upon the disposition of the nomination, Senate will agree to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: June 12, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

June 12, Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government, business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Financial Services and General Government, 3:30 p.m., SD-138.

June 13, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: June 12, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine proliferation prevention programs at the Department of Energy and at the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open season, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: June 13, to hold hearings to examine risk management, focusing on JPMorgan Chase and Co, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: June 14, to hold hearings to examine competitiveness and collaboration between the United States and China on clean energy, 9:30 a.m., SE-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: June 13, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Allison M. Macfarlane, of Maryland, and Kristine L. Svinicki, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: June 14, to hold hearings to examine Medicare physician payment policy, focusing on lessons from the private sector, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: June 13, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of 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, and Jan Nicholas Anania, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, all of the Department of State, 2:45 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: June 12, to hold hearings to examine equality at work, focusing on the “Employment Non-Discrimination Act”, 10 a.m., SD-106.

June 13, Full Committee, business meeting to consider any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: June 14, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine saving taxpayer dollars by curbing waste and fraud in Medicaid, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: June 14, to hold an oversight hearing to examine new taxes on tribal self-determination, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: June 12, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

June 14, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 250, to protect crime victims’ rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand

the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, S. 285, for the relief of Sopuruchi Chukwueke, and the nomination of Brian J. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: June 13, to hold hearings to examine economic opportunity and transition legislation, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: June 12, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

June 14, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: June 13, to hold hearings to examine empowering patients and honoring individual's choices, focusing on lessons in improving care for individuals with advance illness, 2 p.m., SD-562.

House Committees

No meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, June 11

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, June 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3240, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act. At 4:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Andrew David Hurwitz, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at approximately 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 10 a.m.

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