

113th Congress, First Session At-A-Glance

Actions Completed

Civil Rights: In May 2013, Congress passed H.R. 360, a bill to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to four black girls – Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley – in recognition of the 1963 bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church where they lost their lives.

Defense Authorization: Congress approved the FY2014 National Defense Authorization Act (P.L. 113-66) (December 2013). The bill contains several provisions to address sexual assault in the military and support for military families.

Harriet Tubman: The Senate passed a resolution (S. Res. 56) to recognize the significance of the 100th anniversary of the death of Harriet Ross Tubman (February 2013).

HIV/AIDS: In November 2013, Congress approved the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Stewardship and Oversight Act (P.L. 113-56).

Infant Mortality: Congress passed the Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early (PREEMIE) Reauthorization Act (P.L. 113-55) (November 2013).

In September 2013, the Senate passed a resolution supporting Infant Mortality Awareness Month (S. Res. 258).

International: The Senate passed a resolution (S. Res. 74) to express support for the goals of International Women's Day (March 2013).

The Senate approved S. Res. 184, a resolution recognizing women and girls on World Refugee Day (June 2013).

Malaria: The Senate passed a resolution (S. Res. 119) to support the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day (April 2013).

Margaret Thatcher: The House passed a resolution (H. Res. 141) expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Baroness Margaret Thatcher, former prime minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (April 2013).

The Senate passed a resolution (S. Res. 98) to honor the life, legacy, and example of Baroness Margaret Thatcher, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (April 2013).

Ovarian Cancer: The Senate approved a resolution (S. Res. 205) designating September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month (July 2013).

Spousal IRA: Congress passed the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA bill (P.L. 113-22), which would rename section 219(c) of the Internal Revenue Code after its author, former Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) (July 2013).

Stalking: The Senate passed a resolution (S. Res. 14) to raise awareness and encourage prevention of stalking by designating January 2013 as "National Stalking Awareness Month" (January 2013).

Take Our Daughters to Work: The Senate passed a resolution (S. Res. 79) supporting the goals and ideals of Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day (March 2013).

Violence Against Women: Congress passed the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA) (P.L. 113-4) (February 2013).

Outstanding Actions

Abortion: The House approved the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (H.R. 1797) (June 2013).

Adoption: The House approved the Promoting Adoption and Legal Guardianship for Children in Foster Care Act (H.R. 3205) in October 2013.

Child Abduction: In December 2013, the House approved the Sean and David Goldman International Child Abduction Prevention and Return Act of 2013 (H.R. 3212).

Child Care: The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee approved the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act (September 2013).

Child Protection: In October 2013, the House passed the Protecting Students from Sexual and Violent Predators Act (H.R. 2083).

The House approved the Kilah Davenport Child Protection Act (H.R. 3627) (December 2013). The measure would require the attorney general to report on state penalties for child abuse.

In December 2013, the Senate Finance Committee approved the Supporting At-Risk Children Act (S. 1870). The measure would address sex trafficking of children and provide increased support for children in the foster care system.

Child Support: The House approved the International Child Support Recovery Improvement Act (H.R. 1896) (June 2013).

Education: The House approved the Student Success Act (H.R. 5), which would reauthorize elementary and secondary school programs under the law commonly known as No Child Left Behind (July 2013).

Employment: The House approved the Working Families Flexibility Act (H.R. 1406), as amended (May 2013).

In July 2013, the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee approved the Workforce Investment Act (S. 1356).

Family Support: The Senate approved the Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act of 2013 (S. 954), also known as the Farm Bill (June 2013). The bill would reauthorize programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the food stamp program, as well as the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), the Food for Peace program (P.L. 480), the McGovern-Dole

International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, among other food assistance programs.

The House rejected its version of the Farm Bill: H.R. 1947, the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act. The Agriculture Committee previously had approved the measure (June 2013).

In July 2013, the House approved a different version of the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act (H.R. 2642). The measure removes the domestic food assistance programs, such as SNAP and WIC, from the agricultural reauthorization provisions.

The House approved the Nutrition Reform and Work Opportunity Act (H.R. 3102). The measure would reauthorize the domestic food assistance programs that had been stripped from the original version of the Farm Bill (September 2013).

The House approved a bill (H.R. 3695) to extend the Farm Bill through January 31, 2014 (December 2013).

Health: The House passed a bill (H.R. 45) to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148) and the health-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (P.L. 111-152) (May 2013).

The Senate Finance Committee approved the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) Repeal and Medicare Beneficiary Access Improvement Act (S. 1871) (December 2013). The bill includes provisions to extend abstinence-only education programs.

HIV/AIDS: The Senate approved a resolution (S. Res. 314) commemorating and supporting World AIDS Day (December 2013).

Immigration: The Senate passed the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act (S. 744) (June 2013).

International: The House Foreign Affairs Committee approved the Department of State Operations and Embassy Security Authorization Act (H.R. 2848) (August 2013).

In September 2013, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved the Malala Yousafzai Scholarship Act (S. 120).

TANF: The House approved the Preserving Work Requirements for Welfare Programs Act (H.R. 890) in March 2013.

Harriet Tubman: The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee approved the Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act (S. 247) (March 2013).

Women Veterans: In June 2013, the House approved the Ruth Moore Act of 2013 (H.R. 671), which would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to accept a veteran's lay testimony of military sexual trauma (MST) as sufficient proof of the attack to approve a disability compensation claim for MST-related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee approved the Women Veterans and Other Health Care Improvements Act (S. 131) and the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act (S. 893) (July 2013). S. 893 would increase wartime disability

compensation for veterans, as well as dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses and children.

The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee passed the Veterans Programs Improvements Act (S. 1581) (November 2013). The omnibus bill contains provisions to address military sexual assault and domestic abuse.

Workforce Investment: The House approved the Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills Act (SKILLS) Act (H.R. 803) (March 2013).