

ACCOMPLISHMENTS *of the*

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN BOB GOODLATTE

In 2013, the Committee held 64 Committee hearings and passed 26 bills. The House passed 27 Committee bills.

AGGRESSIVE OVERSIGHT *of the* OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearing on the President's Constitutional duty to enforce the laws.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearing on AG Holder's misleading testimony before the House Judiciary Committee on DOJ's national security leak investigative techniques.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearing on the DOJ with Attorney General Eric Holder.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearing on the FBI with Director Robert Mueller.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearing to investigate why DHS released criminal illegal aliens onto the streets.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearing on DOJ's misplacement of known terrorists within the Witness Protection Program.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearing on the extravagant and wasteful spending at DOJ.

AN EFFICIENT *and* JUST LEGAL SYSTEM

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 982** – (Rep. Farenthold) The *Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act* brings transparency to asbestos litigation practices.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 2655** – (Rep. L. Smith) The *Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2013* requires mandatory sanctions for attorneys who file frivolous lawsuits.

A FAIR IMMIGRATION SYSTEM THAT WORKS *for* AMERICA

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 2278** – (Rep. Gowdy) The *Strengthen and Fortify Enforcement (SAFE) Act* strengthens the interior enforcement by allowing states to enforce our immigration laws.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 1772** – (Rep. L. Smith) The *Legal Workforce Act* requires E-Verify nationwide and helps employers determine who is lawfully here and who can accept employment.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 1773** – (Rep. Goodlatte) The *Agricultural Guestworker (AG) Act* creates a new guestworker program that provides American farmers with access to a reliable, lawful workforce.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 2131** – (Rep. Issa) The *Supplying Knowledge-based Immigrants and Lifting Levels of STEM (SKILLS) Visa Act* allows hardworking, smart immigrants to come to the U.S. so that they can create jobs and make us more competitive in the global economy.

ENCOURAGING INNOVATION

COMMITTEE ACTION: Conducting review of U.S. Copyright law.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 1123** – (Rep. Goodlatte) The *Unlocking Consumer Choice and Wireless Competition Act* protects consumer choice by allowing consumers to unlock their cell phones without the approval of their wireless provider.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 3309** – (Rep. Goodlatte) The *Innovation Act* curbs patent litigation abuses.

SECURITY FOR CITIZENS *and* BUSINESSES

SIGNED INTO LAW: **H.R. 3190** – (Rep. Chabot) The *U.S. Parole Commission Extension Act* keeps violent convicted felons off the streets.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 180** – (Rep. Grimm) The *National Blue Alert Act of 2013* tracks down those who attack law enforcement officers.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Conducted two hearings on the need to update the decades old *Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA)*.

RELIEF *from* EXCESSIVE REGULATION

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 367** – (Rep. T. Young) The *Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act* requires congressional approval for any federal regulations that have an impact of \$100 million or more before they can go into effect.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 1493** – (Rep. D. Collins) The *Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2013* prevents secret settlement deals between federal agencies and pro-regulatory plaintiffs that result in new federal regulations for everyone.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 2122** – (Rep. Goodlatte) The *Regulatory Accountability Act of 2013* requires federal bureaucrats to adopt the least costly method of implementing a law.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 2542** – (Rep. Bachus) The *Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2013* forces federal bureaucrats to consider the impact on small businesses before they issue new regulations.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 2641** – (Rep. Marino) The *Responsibly and Professionally Invigorating Development Act of 2013* streamlines the federal permitting process so that new construction and energy projects are not tied up in years of regulatory red tape.

THE FREEDOM *to* PROSPER: PROTECTING AMERICANS' LIBERTIES

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 1944** – (Rep. Sensenbrenner) The *Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2013* prohibits state and local governments that receive federal economic development funds from using eminent domain to transfer private property from one private owner to another for the purpose of economic development.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Creation of the Overcriminalization Task Force, which has held four hearings.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Hearing on the use of drones in the U.S.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearings on the Administration's use of FISA authorities.

COMMITTEE LETTER: Letter to President Obama demanding legal documents justifying Administration's drone policy.

COMMITTEE LETTER: Letter to Deputy Attorney General Cole demanding details on the subpoena of AP phone records.

COMMITTEE LETTER: Letter to Attorney General Holder demanding answers regarding the approval of the Rosen warrant.

COMMITTEE LETTER: Letter to Attorney General Holder regarding IRS targeting of conservatives.

PROTECTING AMERICAN VALUES

SIGNED INTO LAW: **H.R. 258** – (Rep. Heck) The *Stolen Valor Act of 2013* makes it a crime to knowingly benefit from lying about receiving certain valorous military medals and awards.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 1797** – (Rep. Franks) The *Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act* bans abortions with limited exceptions in the U.S. after 20 weeks post fertilization.

COMMITTEE LETTER: Letter to Attorneys General of the 50 states & D.C. regarding the prevention of newborn homicides.

COMMITTEE LETTER: Letter to AG Holder demanding answers on the religious exemptions and accommodations to the HHS mandate.



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