

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2135–S2167

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2203–2213, and S. Res. 410–411. **Page S2161**

Measures Reported:

S. 161, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana.

S. 1074, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe.

S. 1219, to authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2161**

Measures Passed:

Green Mountain Lookout Heritage Protection Act: Senate passed S. 404, to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S2151–52**

Humanitarian Crisis in Syria and Neighboring Countries: Senate agreed to S. Res. 384, expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the humanitarian crisis in Syria and neighboring countries, resulting humanitarian and development challenges, and the urgent need for a political solution to the crisis. **Page S2166**

Gold Star Wives Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 394, designating April 5, 2014, as “Gold Star Wives Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2166–67**

Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 88, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. **Page S2167**

Measures Considered:

Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3979, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2874, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S2138, S2150**

Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 2875 (to Amendment No. 2874), to change the enactment date. **Pages S2138, S2146, S2149**

Reid Amendment No. 2877 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2874), to change the enactment date. **Pages S2138, S2146, S2149**

Reid Amendment No. 2878 (to Amendment No. 2877), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S2138, S2146, S2149**

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

By 60 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 99), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions with respect to Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2874 (listed above). Subsequently, the point of order that Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2874 was in violation of section 311(b) of S. Con. Res. 70, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2009, was not sustained, and thus the point of order fell. **Pages S2149–50**

By 61 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 100), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S2150**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014, all post-cloture time be considered expired and the

bill, as amended, if amended, be read a third time and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the bill, post-cloture, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees prior to a vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

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Appointments:

Joint Committee on Taxation: The Chair announced on behalf of the Committee on Finance, pursuant to section 8002 of title 26, U.S. Code, the designation of the following Senators as members of the Joint Committee on Taxation: Senators Wyden, Rockefeller, Stabenow, Hatch, and Grassley.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by the situation in and in relation to South Sudan; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-38)

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Treaties Approved: The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (Treaty Doc. 112–4) as amended;

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Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean (Treaty Doc. 113–1) as amended;

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Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean (Treaty Doc. 113–2) as amended; and

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Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (Treaty Doc. 113–3) as amended.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Andre Birotte, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Randolph D. Moss, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S2160**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—100)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:37 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2167.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Food and Drug Administration, after receiving testimony from Margaret Hamburg, Commissioner, and William Tootle, Director of the Office of Budget, both of the Food and Drug Administration, and Norris W. Cochran, Deputy Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Eric H. Holder,

Jr., Attorney General, and Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, both of the Department of Justice.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the posture of the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from John M. McHugh, Secretary, and General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff, both of the Department of the Army, Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 491, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, with an amendment;

S. 1961, to protect surface water from contamination by chemical storage facilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 224, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to support the restoration of San Francisco Bay;

S. 2080, to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, enhance fish and wildlife-dependent recreation;

S. 2042, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1934, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey the Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse back to Teton County, Wyoming, with amendments;

S. 2055, to allow for the collection of certain user fees by non-Federal entities;

Corps Study Resolution: Point Judith, Rhode Island; and

Proposed resolutions relating to the General Services Administration.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill entitled, “Expiring Provisions Improvement Reform and Efficiency (EXPIRE) Act”; and

An original bill entitled, “The Tax Technical Corrections Act of 2014”.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Health Care: Senators Rockefeller (Chair), Stabenow, Cantwell, Nelson, Menendez, Carper, Cardin, Casey, Roberts, Hatch, Grassley, Enzi, Cornyn, Burr, and Toomey.

Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs and Global Competitiveness: Senators Stabenow (Chair), Rockefeller, Schumer, Cantwell, Menendez, Brown, Bennet, Warner, Isakson, Hatch, Grassley, Roberts, Thune, and Portman.

Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources and Infrastructure: Senators Bennet (Chair), Wyden, Rockefeller, Stabenow, Menendez, Cantwell, Nelson, Carper, Cornyn, Grassley, Crapo, Enzi, Thune, Burr, and Isakson.

Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy: Senators Brown (Chair), Rockefeller, Schumer, Nelson, Cardin, Toomey, Crapo, Isakson, and Portman.

Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight: Senators Casey (Chair), Wyden, Schumer, Menendez, Carper, Cardin, Bennet, Warner, Enzi, Hatch, Crapo, Roberts, Cornyn, Thune, and Toomey.

Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth: Senators Warner (Chair), Brown, Casey, Portman, and Burr.

Senators Wyden and Hatch are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT 35TH ANNIVERSARY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine evaluating United States policy on Taiwan on the 35th anniversary of the “Taiwan Relations Act” (TRA), including S. 579, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, after receiving testimony from Daniel R. Russel, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Abraham M. Denmark, The National Bureau of Asian Research, Washington, D.C.; and Randall G. Schriver, Project 2049 Institute, Arlington, Virginia.

RUSSIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on Russia from Victoria Nuland, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; Evelyn N. Farkas, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Russia/Ukraine/Eurasia; and briefers from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Cheryl Ann Krause, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Richard Franklin Boulware II, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Salvador Mendoza, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Staci Michelle Yandle, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, Leon Rodriguez, of Maryland, to be Director of the

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, and Damon Paul Martinez, of New Mexico, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico, Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 4383–4397; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 537–538 and 540–542, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 539, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1874) to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for macroeconomic analysis of the impact of legislation, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1871) to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to reform the budget baseline, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1872) to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to increase transparency in Federal budgeting, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–400).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:06 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Save American Workers Act of 2014: The House passed H.R. 2575, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 30-hour threshold for classification as a full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and replace it with 40 hours, by a recorded vote of 248 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 156. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, April 2nd.

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Rejected the Takano motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instruc-

tions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 191 yeas to 232 nays, Roll No. 155.

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H. Res. 530, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, April 2nd.

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the violence at Fort Hood on April 2, 2014.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Gabbard, wherein she resigned from the Committee on Homeland Security.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 537, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Horsford, wherein he resigned from the Committees on Natural Resources and Homeland Security.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he issued an Executive Order declaring a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by the situation in and in relation to South Sudan—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–102).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2906.

Senate Referral: S. 404 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2890 and H2891. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW THE STATE OF THE RURAL ECONOMY

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing to Review the State of the Rural Economy. Testimony was heard from Tom Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR FY 2015

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies held a markup on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2015. The bill was ordered reported, without amendment.

APPROPRIATIONS—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL FY 2015

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a markup on Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill FY 2015. The bill was ordered reported, without amendment.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Park Service FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Jon Jarvis, Director, National Park Service.

APPROPRIATIONS—USDA FOOD SAFETY FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA and Related Agencies held a hearing on USDA Food Safety FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Brian Ronholm, Acting Under Secretary, Food Safety; Phil Derfler, Deputy Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service; and Michael Young, Budget Officer.

APPROPRIATIONS—MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Missile Defense Agency. This was a closed hearing.

APPROPRIATIONS—SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing

on Small Business Administration FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Marianne O'Brien Markowitz, Acting Administrator, Small Business Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from the following National Nuclear Security Administration Officials: Bruce Held, Acting Administrator; Don Cook, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security; and Brig. Gen. James C. Dawkins Jr., Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator for Military Applications.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MODES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Oversight of Department of Transportation Modes. Testimony was heard from Michael Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; Greg Nadeau, Deputy Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Joseph Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Therese McMillan, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Cynthia Quarterman, Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; and Anne Ferro, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL GUARD AND U.S. ARMY RESERVE FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from General Frank J. Grass, Chief National Guard Bureau, Lieutenant General Stanley E. Clarke III, Director, Air National Guard; Major General Judd H. Lyons, Acting Director, Army National Guard; and Lieutenant General Jeffrey W. Talley, Chief, United States Army Reserve.

APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on the United States Fish and Wildlife Service FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Dan Ashe, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION AND NAVAL REACTORS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration Nuclear Nonproliferation and Naval Reactors. Testimony was heard from Bruce Held, Action Administrator National Nuclear Security; Anne Harrington, Deputy Administrator, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security; and Admiral John M. Richardson, Director, Naval Reactors, National Nuclear Security.

2014 QUADRENNIAL DEFENSE REVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on the 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review. Testimony was heard from Admiral James A. “Sandy” Winnefeld, Jr., USN, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense; and Christine E. Wormuth, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans and Force Development, Department of Defense.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FOR NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE ACTIVITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for National Security Space Activities. Testimony was heard from Gil Klinger, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Space and Intelligence, Department of Defense; Douglas L. Loverro, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Defense, Space Policy, Department of Defense; Lieutenant General John W. “Jay” Raymond, U.S. Air Force Commander, United States Strategic Command, Joint Functional Component Command, Space; and Betty J. Sapp, Director, National Reconnaissance Office; General William L. Shelton, U.S. Air Force, Commander, U.S. Air Force Space Command.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee concluded markup on the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2015. The concurrent resolution was ordered reported, without amendment.

FISCAL YEAR 2015 DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2015 Department of Energy Budget”. Testi-

mony was heard from Ernest Moniz, Secretary of Energy, Department of Energy.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 3717, the “Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 3548, the “Improving Trauma Care Act of 2013”; H.R. 4080, the “Trauma Systems and Regionalization of Emergency Care Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 1281, the “Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act of 2013”; and H.R. 1528, the “Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act of 2013”. H.R. 3548; H.R. 4080; H.R. 1528; and H.R. 1281 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; AND WOMEN’S EDUCATION: PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT, COUNTERING RADICALISM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Women’s Education: Promoting Development, Countering Radicalism”; and markup on H.R. 3583, the “Malala Yousafzai Scholarship Act”. H.R. 3583 was ordered reported, as amended. Testimony was heard from public witnesses on the hearing.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a markup on H.R. 4007, the “Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program Authorization and Accountability Act of 2014”. The bill was forwarded to the Full Committee, as amended.

ASSESSING TERRORISM IN THE CAUCASUS AND THE THREAT TO THE HOMELAND

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “Assessing Terrorism in the Caucasus and the Threat to the Homeland”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STANDARD MERGER AND ACQUISITION REVIEWS THROUGH EQUAL RULES ACT OF 2014

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing on legislation regarding the Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2014. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERTURNING 30 YEARS OF PRECEDENT: IS THE ADMINISTRATION IGNORING THE DANGERS OF TRAINING LIBYAN PILOTS AND NUCLEAR SCIENTISTS?

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security; and Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security held a joint hearing entitled “Overturning 30 Years of Precedent: Is the Administration Ignoring the Dangers of Training Libyan Pilots and Nuclear Scientists?”. Testimony was heard from Alan D. Bersin, Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Chief Diplomatic Officer, Office of International Affairs, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, SPENDING AND THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Department of the Interior, Spending and the President's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Proposal”. Testimony was heard from Sally Jewel, Secretary, Department of Interior.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 69, the “Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2013”; H.R. 2646, the “REFI Pacific Act”; and legislation regarding the Pirate Fishing Elimination Act. Testimony was heard from David A. Balton, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; and Russell Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

COBELL SETTLEMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing entitled “Implementing the Cobell Settlement: Missed Opportunities and Lessons Learned”. Testimony was heard from Lawrence S. Roberts, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of Interior; and public witnesses.

AFGHANISTAN: IDENTIFYING AND ADDRESSING WASTEFUL U.S. GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Afghanistan: Identifying and Addressing Wasteful U.S. Government Spending”. Testimony

was heard from Donald L. Sampler, Assistant to the Administrator and Director, Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs; and John F. Sopko, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

EXAMINING OBAMACARE'S PROBLEM-FILLED STATE EXCHANGES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs; and Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements held a joint hearing entitled “Examining ObamaCare's Problem-Filled State Exchanges”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BASELINE REFORM ACT OF 2013; BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2014; AND PRO-GROWTH BUDGETING ACT OF 2013

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 1871, the “Baseline Reform Act of 2013”; H.R. 1872, the “Budget and Accounting Transparency Act of 2014”; and H.R. 1874, the “Pro-Growth Budgeting Act of 2013”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a structured rule for H.R. 1874. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendments recommended by the Committee on the Budget now printed in the bill and the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of 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 part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule granted a closed rule for H.R. 1871. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on the Budget now

printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Lastly, the rule granted a closed rule for H.R. 1872. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. 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 the Budget now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Ryan (WI).

DISASTER MITIGATION: REDUCING COSTS AND SAVING LIVES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Disaster Mitigation: Reducing Costs and Saving Lives”. Testimony was heard from David Miller, Associate Administrator, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and public witnesses.

VA RESPONDING TO CONGRESSIONAL REQUESTS IN A TIMELY MANNER; AND BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider a resolution to assign Congressman David W. Jolly to HVAC Subcommittees; and hearing entitled “Trials in Transparency II: Is VA Responding to Congressional Requests in a Timely Manner?”. Testimony was heard from Sloan Gibson, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs. The Committee resolution assigning Representative Jolly to HVAC Subcommittees was agreed to.

TRADE POLICY AGENDA

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on President Obama’s Trade Policy Agenda with U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman. Testimony was heard from Michael Froman, United States Trade Representative, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”. This was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing for Members of Congress, 9 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Justice FY 2015 Budget, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, hearing on Bureau of Land Management FY 2015 Budget, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, hearing on USDA Rural Development FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, 11 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Intelligence Activities, 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Passport Fraud: An International Vulnerability”, 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, markup on H.R. 306, for the Relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, hearing on H.R. 2743, the “Veterans Eagle Parks Pass Act”; H.R. 3976, the “Wounded Veterans Recreation Act”; and a bill to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to improve consistency and accountability in the collection and expenditure of Federal recreation fees, and for other purposes, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Energy Independence: Domestic Opportunities to Reverse California’s Growing Dependence on Foreign Oil”, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

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