

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2427–S2526

Measures Introduced: Six bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2265–2270, and S. Res. 425–429. **Pages S2469–70**

Measures Passed:

Civic Education Programs in Schools: Senate agreed to S. Res. 427, expressing the sense of the Senate about the importance of effective civic education programs in schools in the United States. **Page S2524**

National Minority Health Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 428, promoting minority health awareness and supporting the goals and ideals of National Minority Health Month in April 2014, which include bringing attention to the health disparities faced by minority populations of the United States, such as American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders. **Page S2524**

Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans: Senate agreed to S. Res. 429, designating April 30, 2014, as “Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans”. **Page S2524**

Measures Considered:

Minimum Wage Fairness Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2223, to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property. **Pages S2427–28, S2435–62**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 12 noon, on Wednesday, April 30, 2014, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2524**

Lipman Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Sheryl H. Lipman, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee. **Pages S2431–33**

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

By 58 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 111), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2431–33**

Bastian Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Stanley Allen Bastian, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington. **Page S2433**

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

By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 112), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2433**

Shah Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Manish S. Shah, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Page S2433**

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

By 57 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 113), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2433–34**

Crabtree Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Daniel D. Crabtree, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas. **Page S2434**

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

By 57 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 114), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2434**

Bashant Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Cynthia Ann Bashant, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Page S2434**

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

By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 115), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2434–35**

Levy Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Jon David Levy, of Maine, to be

United States District Judge for the District of Maine. **Page S2435**

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

By 63 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 116), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2435**

Lipman, Bastian, Shah, Crabtree, Bashant, Levy Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 30, 2014, Senate continue consideration of the nominations of Sheryl H. Lipman, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, Stanley Allen Bastian, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Manish S. Shah, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Daniel D. Crabtree, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, Cynthia Ann Bashant, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Jon David Levy, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine, as provided for under the order of Monday, April 28, 2014.

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Chuang Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Theodore David Chuang, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Page S2462**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 1, 2014. **Page S2462**

Hazel Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of George Jarrod Hazel, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Pages S2462–63**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Theodore David Chuang, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Page S2462**

Moritz Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Nancy L. Moritz, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit. **Page S2463**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of George Jarrod Hazel, of Maryland,

to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Page S2463**

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—116) **Pages S2433–35**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2524.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INNOVATION THROUGH FEDERAL INVESTMENTS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine driving innovation through Federal investments, after receiving testimony from John P. Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President; Ernest Moniz, Secretary of Energy; Francis S. Collins, Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; France Cordova, Director, National Science Foundation; and Arati Prabhakar, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Deborah Lee James, Secretary, and General Mark A. Welsh III, USAF, Chief of Staff, both of the Air Force, and Lieutenant General Dennis M. McCarthy, USMCR (Ret.), Chair, and R. L. Brownlee, Janine A. Davidson, Margaret C. Harrell, General Raymond E. Johns, Jr., USAF (Ret.), and

Lieutenant General Harry M. Wyatt III, ANG (Ret.), each a Member, National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Stanley Fischer, of New York, to be Vice Chairman, Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, and Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, all to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Gustavo Velasquez Aguilar, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary, and Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and J. Mark McWatters, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board.

Also, committee began consideration of S. 1217, to provide secondary mortgage market reform, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Julia Akins Clark, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine workers' Memorial Day, focusing on if existing private sector whis-

tleblower protections are adequate to ensure safe workplaces, after receiving testimony from David Michaels, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Administration; Emily A. Spieler, Northeastern University School of Law, and Gregory Keating, Littler Mendelson, P.C., both of Boston, Massachusetts; and Thomas Devine, Government Accountability Project, Washington, D.C.; and Ross Baize, United Auto Workers, East Peoria, Illinois.

LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSES TO DISABLED AMERICANS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine law enforcement responses to disabled Americans, focusing on promising approaches for protecting public safety, after receiving testimony from Denise E. O'Donnell, Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Jay M. Quam, Hennepin County District Court Judge, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Alfonza Wysinger, Chicago Police Department First Deputy Superintendent, Chicago, Illinois; Aubrey Dale Paul Jr., Plano Police Department, Frisco, Texas; Pete Earley, Fairfax, Virginia; and Patti Saylor, Frederick, Maryland.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a joint closed hearing with the Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to examine certain 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: 14 public bills, H.R. 4507–4520; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 556, 558–559, were introduced. **Pages H3291–92**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3292–94**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 10, to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–423);

H.R. 4366, to strengthen the Federal education research system to make research and evaluations

more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–424);

Report on the Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2015 (H. Rept. 113–425); and

H. Res. 557, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4486) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4487) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for

the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–426). **Page H3291**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3245**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3250**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Bennie Tate, Rock Springs Church, Milner, Georgia. **Page H3250**

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

Gold Medal Technical Corrections Act of 2014: H.R. 4488, to make technical corrections to two bills enabling the presentation of congressional gold medals; **Pages H3253–54**

National Park Service 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 627, amended, to provide for the issuance of coins to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 403 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 183; and

Pages H3254–57, H3275

Restoring Proven Financing for American Employers Act: H.R. 4167, amended, to amend section 13 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, known as the Volcker Rule, to exclude certain debt securities of collateralized loan obligations from the prohibition against acquiring or retaining an ownership interest in a hedge fund or private equity fund. **Pages H3257–61**

Expatriate Health Coverage Clarification Act of 2014: The House passed H.R. 4414, to clarify the treatment under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of health plans in which expatriates are the primary enrollees, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 268 yeas to 150 nays, Roll No. 182. **Pages H3266–75**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 113–422 shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 555, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 238 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 181, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 180. **Pages H3261–66**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3264–65, H3265, H3274, and H3275. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CURRENT RESEARCH AND APPLICATION OF MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES TO CONTROL PESTS AND DISEASES OF POLLINATORS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Horticulture, Research, Biotechnology, Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review current research and application of management strategies to control pests and diseases of pollinators. Testimony was heard from Jeff Pettis, Research Leader, Department of Agriculture—Agricultural Research Service; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Department of Treasury FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Jack Lew, Secretary, Department of Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS—CYBERSECURITY FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Cybersecurity FY 2015 Budget. This was a closed hearing.

APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE IN AFRICA FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on United States Assistance in Africa FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Earl Gast, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development; and a public witness.

REVIEWING THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Reviewing the President’s Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Proposal for the Department of Education”. Testimony was heard from Arne Duncan, Secretary, Department of Education.

CHEMICALS IN COMMERCE ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “The Chemicals in Commerce Act”. Testimony was heard from Jim Jones, Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention,

Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE GROWING PROBLEMS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND HEROIN ABUSE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining the Growing Problems of Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse”. Testimony was heard from Joseph T. Rannazzisi, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice; Michael Botticelli, Acting Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President; Daniel M. Sosin, Acting Director, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Nora D. Volkow, M.D., Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health; and H. Westley Clark, M.D., Director, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 2689, the “Energy Savings Through Public-Private Partnerships Act”; H.R. 4092, the “Streamlining Energy Efficiency for Schools Act of 2014”; and H.R. 6, the “Domestic Property and Global Freedom Act”.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION—AGENDA, OPERATIONS, AND FY 2015 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the SEC’s Agenda, Operations, and FY 2015 Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from Mary Jo White, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a meeting to consider a resolution authorizing the issuance of subpoenas. The subpoena resolution agreed to, as amended.

ADMINISTRATION’S FY 2015 MENA BUDGET REQUEST: PRIORITIES, OBJECTIVES AND CHALLENGES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “The Administration’s FY 2015 MENA Budget Request: Priorities, Objectives and Challenges”. Testimony was heard from Anne W. Patterson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and Alina L. Romanowski, Dep-

uty Assistant Administrator, Bureau for the Middle East, U.S. Agency for International Development.

U.S.-RUSSIA NUCLEAR ARMS NEGOTIATIONS: UKRAINE AND BEYOND

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled “U.S.-Russia Nuclear Arms Negotiations: Ukraine and Beyond”. Testimony was heard from Anita E. Friedt, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear and Strategic Policy, Bureau of Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance, Department of State; and Brent Hartley, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State.

EFFECTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY: TIER RANKINGS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Effective Accountability: Tier Rankings in the Fight Against Human Trafficking”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STAKEHOLDER ASSESSMENTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION’S NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS GRANT PROGRAM PROPOSAL

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled “Stakeholder Assessments of the Administration’s National Preparedness Grant Program Proposal”. Testimony was heard from Steven M. Fulop, Mayor, Jersey City, New Jersey; Troy Riggs, Director, Department of Public Safety, City of Indianapolis; and public witnesses.

ORIGINAL MEANING OF THE ORIGINATION CLAUSE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution and Civil Justice held a hearing entitled “The Original Meaning of the Origination Clause”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing on H.R. 1129, the “Mobile Workforce State Income Tax Simplification Act of 2013”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICAN ENERGY JOBS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR SKILLED TRADES WORKERS

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “American Energy Jobs: Opportunities for Skilled Trades Workers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OFFICE OF INSULAR AFFAIRS’ SPENDING AND THE PRESIDENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE OFFICE; AND LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled “The Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs’ spending and the President’s Fiscal Year 2015 budget request for the Office”; and H.R. 4296, to amend Public Law 94–241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands; and H.R. 4402, the “Guam Military Training and Readiness Act of 2014”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Bussanich, Director of Budget, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of Interior; Megan J. Uzzell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Department of Labor; David G. Gulick, District Director—District 26, Hawaii, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; James Kurth, Chief, National Wildlife Refuge System, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Interior; Joseph Ludovici, Director Joint Guam Program Office, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Energy, Installations and Environment, Department of Navy.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulations held a hearing on H.R. 3687, the “Military LAND Act”; and H.R. 4458, the “Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake Security Enhancement Act”. Testimony was heard from Representative McCarthy (CA); Stephanie Toothman, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Partnerships and Science, National Park Service, Department of Interior; Maureen Sullivan, Director of Environmental Management, Office of the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense, Installations and Environment, Department of Defense; Roger Natsuhara, Acting Assistant Secretary to the Navy, Energy, Installations and Environment, United States Navy; Karen Mouritsen, Deputy Assistant Director, Energy, Minerals and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior; and a public witness.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015; AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4486, the “Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015”; and H.R. 4487, the “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2015”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule for H.R. 4486. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides a structured rule for H.R. 4487. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 4487 printed in 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 the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 3, the rule provides that pending the adoption of a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2015, the amounts provided for current law mandatory budget authority and outlays contained in the statement of the Chair of the Committee on the Budget of the House of Representatives in the Congressional Record dated April 29, 2014, shall be considered for all purposes in the House to be allocations to the Committee on Appropriations under section 302(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. In section 4, the rule provides that during

consideration of H.R. 4486 and H.R. 4487 pursuant to this resolution, the suballocations printed in House Report 113–425 shall be considered for all purposes in the House to be suballocations under section 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Testimony was heard from Representatives Culberson, Bishop (GA), Cole, Lowey, Moran, and Gosar.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4412, the “National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2014”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

REVIEW OF RECENT UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CHIEF’S REPORTS AND POST AUTHORIZATION CHANGE REPORTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “A Review of Recent United States Army Corps of Engineers Chief’s Reports and Post Authorization Change Reports”. Testimony was heard from Major General John Peabody, Deputy Commanding General, Civil and Emergency Operations, United States Army Corps of Engineers.

CONFRONTING TRANSNATIONAL DRUG SMUGGLING: AN ASSESSMENT OF REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime; and Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, joint hearing entitled “Confronting Transnational Drug Smuggling: An Assessment of Regional Partnerships”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., Commandant, United States Coast Guard; General John F. Kelly, Commander, United States Southern Command; and Luis E. Arreaga, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4058, to prevent and address sex trafficking of youth in foster care; H.R. 4429, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the subpart F exemption for active financing income; H.R. 4438, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify and make permanent the research credit; H.R. 4453, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains of S corporations; H.R.

4454, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent certain rules regarding basis adjustments to stock of S corporations making charitable contributions of property; H.R. 4457, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4464, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the look-through treatment of payments between related controlled foreign corporations. Testimony was heard from Matt Weidinger, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Human Resources, Committee on Ways and Means; and Thomas Barthold, Staff Director, Joint Committee on Taxation. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4058; H.R. 4429; H.R. 4438; H.R. 4453; H.R. 4454; H.R. 4457; and H.R. 4464.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Army, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Education, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service, 2 p.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, 2:30 p.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine reform of the defense acquisition system in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Transportation Security Administration, focusing on confronting America’s transportation security challenges, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Afghanistan beyond 2014, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine lessons learned from the Boston marathon bombings, focusing on improving intelligence and information sharing; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 2132, to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Drug Enforcement Administration, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine how undisclosed money and post-McCutcheon campaign finance will affect the 2014 election and beyond, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine overmedication, focusing on problems and solutions, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine exploring the perils of the precious metals market, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the first step to cutting red tape, focusing on a better analysis, 10 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Rural Development, and Credit, hearing entitled "To review the State of the Livestock Industry", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, markup on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill FY 2015, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, markup on H.R. 4435, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015", 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, markup on H.R. 4435, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015", 12 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, markup on H.R. 4435, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015", 1:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, markup on H.R. 4435, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015", 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled "A Progress Report on the War on Poverty: Lessons from the Frontlines", 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2689, the "Energy Savings Through Public-Private Partnerships Act"; H.R. 4092, the "Streamlining Energy Efficiency for Schools Act of 2014"; and H.R. 6, the "Domestic Property and Global Freedom Act", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Examining How Technology Can Promote Consumer Financial Literacy", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

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