

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2741–S2829

Measures Introduced: Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2296–2304. Page S2796

Measures Passed:

Kilab Davenport Child Protection Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3627, to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers, and the bill was then passed.

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Measures Considered:

Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 2262, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid (for Shaheen/Portman) Amendment No. 3012, in the nature of a substitute. Page S2763

Reid Amendment No. 3023 (to Amendment No. 3012), to change the enactment date. Page S2763

Reid Amendment No. 3024 (to Amendment No. 3023), of a perfecting nature. Page S2763

Reid Amendment No. 3025, to change the enactment date. Page S2763

Reid Amendment No. 3026 (to Amendment No. 3025), of a perfecting nature. Page S2763

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3027, to change the enactment date. Page S2763

Reid Amendment No. 3028 (to (the instructions of the motion to commit) Amendment No. 3027), of a perfecting nature. Page S2763

Reid Amendment No. 3029 (to Amendment No. 3028), of a perfecting nature. Page S2763

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of

Wednesday, May 7, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Steven Croley, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

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

By 45 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 132), Senate failed to table Reid Amendment No. 3023 (to Amendment No. 3012), to change the enactment date.

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By 45 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 133), Senate failed to table Reid Amendment No. 3025, to change the enactment date.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, May 12, 2014, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill occur upon disposition of the nomination of Steven Croley, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy; and that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill be 1 p.m., on Thursday, May 8, 2014.

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Expiring Provisions Improvement, Reform, and Efficiency Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2260, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions.

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Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the notification of the President's intent to withdraw the designation of Russia as a beneficiary developing country under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–40)

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Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, with respect to the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibition of exportation and re-exportation of certain goods to Syria; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–41)

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

The Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain (Treaty Doc. No. 113–4). The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Pages S2823–24**

Talwani, Peterson, Rosenstengel, Hamamoto, Rosenbaum, Mitchell, and Croley Nominations—

Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 11:15 a.m., on Thursday, May 8, 2014, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nominations of Indira Talwani, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, James D. Peterson, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, and Nancy J. Rosenstengel, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, and vote on confirmation of the nomination of Pamela K. Hamamoto, of Hawaii, to be Representative to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador; that if cloture is invoked on the nominations of Indira Talwani, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, James D. Peterson, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, and Nancy J. Rosenstengel, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, all post-cloture time be considered expired and at 1:45 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; that following disposition of the nomination of Nancy J. Rosenstengel, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Robin S. Rosenbaum, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, and vote on confirmation of the nomination of Theodore Reed Mitchell, of California, to be Under Secretary of Education, that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Robin S. Rosenbaum, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, all post-cloture time be considered expired and at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 12, 2014, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Robin S. Rosenbaum, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit; that upon disposition of the nomination of Robin S. Rosenbaum, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Steven Croley, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy; that there be two minutes for debate prior to each vote, equally divided in the usual form, that any roll call

votes, following the first in each series, be ten minutes in length; and that no further motions be in order to the nominations.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations: Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—133)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 8, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2824.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2014 Farm Bill, focusing on implementation and next steps, after receiving testimony from Thomas Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Thomas Frieden, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Mary K. Wakefield, Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Mark Greenberg, Acting Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, and Tim Love, Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

INVESTING IN CYBERSECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine investing in cybersecurity, focusing on understanding risks and building capabilities for the future, after receiving testimony from Phyllis Schneck, Deputy Under Secretary for Cybersecurity and Communications, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Peter Edge, Executive Associate Director, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and William Noonan, Deputy Special Agent in Charge, Criminal Investigative Division, Secret Service, all of the Department of Homeland Security; Jonathan Katz, University of Maryland Cybersecurity Center, College Park; Dave Mahon, CenturyLink, Denver, Colorado; Scott R. Bowers, Indiana Electric Cooperatives, Indianapolis; and Christopher Peters, Entergy Corporation, The Woodlands, Texas.

APPROPRIATIONS: FEDERAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and oversight for fiscal year 2015 for Federal information technology investments, after receiving testimony from Steven VanRoekel, Federal Chief Information Officer, Administrator for E-Government and Information Technology, Office of Management and Budget; Daniel M. Tangherlini, Administrator, General Services Administration; Katherine Archuleta, Director, Office of Personnel Management; and David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office.

DRIVERS OF JOB CREATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine drivers of job creation, including S. 1106, to improve the accuracy of mortgage underwriting used by Federal mortgage agencies by ensuring that energy costs are included in the underwriting process, to reduce the amount of energy consumed by homes, to facilitate the creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs, and S. 2189, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve and extend the deduction for new and existing energy-efficient commercial buildings, after receiving testimony from Jennifer Erickson, Center for American Progress, Virginia Beach, Virginia; Derek

Smith, Clean Energy Works, Portland, Oregon; Emil H. Frankel, Bipartisan Policy Center, Washington, DC.; Robert Dietz, National Association of Home Builders, Arlington, Virginia; and R. Thomas Buffenbarger, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Brookeville, Maryland.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Surface Transportation Reauthorization, focusing on progress, challenges, and next steps, after receiving testimony from Anthony R. Foxx, Secretary of Transportation.

INDIAN AFFAIRS BILLS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1603, to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians, S. 1818, to ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, S. 2040, to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, S. 2041, to repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, and S. 2188, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes, after receiving testimony from Senator Moran; Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Brian Cladoosby, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, DC.; Nathan Small, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Fort Hall Business Council, Ft. Hall, Idaho; Elwood Lowery, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Nixon, Nevada; and DK Sprague, Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians Gun Lake Tribe, Dorr, Michigan.

THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the fight against cancer, focusing on challenges, progress, and promise, after receiving testimony from Harold Varmus, Director, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Thomas Sellers, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, Tampa, Florida; Mary Dempsey, Patrick Dempsey Center for Cancer Hope and Healing, Lewiston, Maine; Valerie Harper, Greenwich, Connecticut; and Chip Kennett, Alexandria, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4586–4604; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 574 were introduced. **Pages H3939–40**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3940–41**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4058, to prevent and address sex trafficking of youth in foster care, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–441);

H. Res. 567, providing for the Establishment of the Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi (H. Rept. 113–442);

H. Res. 575, providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 567) providing for the Establishment of the Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi (H. Rept. 113–443); and

H. Res. 576, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 10) to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; relating to consideration of the bill (H.R. 4438) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify and make permanent the research credit; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–444). **Page H3939**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jolly to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3451**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:34 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3455**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Don Williams, Maine State Police, Augusta, Maine. **Page H3455**

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

Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum Act: H.R. 863, amended, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 383 yeas to 33 nays, Roll No. 201; **Pages H3471–77, H3481–82**

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I: H. Con. Res. 83, to authorize the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I; and **Pages H3477–79**

Urging the Government of Burma to end the persecution of the Rohingya people and respect internationally recognized human rights for all ethnic and religious minority groups within Burma: H. Res. 418, amended, to urge the Government of Burma to end the persecution of the Rohingya people and respect internationally recognized human rights for all ethnic and religious minority groups within Burma. **Pages H3929–32**

American Research and Competitiveness Act of 2014—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 569, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4438) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify and make permanent the research credit, by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 200, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 199. **Pages H3465–71, H3480–81**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 569 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote. **Pages H3465–71**

Recommending that the House of Representatives find Lois G. Lerner, former Director, Exempt Organizations, Internal Revenue Service, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with a subpoena duly issued by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: The House agreed to H. Res. 574, recommending that the House of Representatives find Lois G. Lerner, former Director, Exempt Organizations, Internal Revenue Service, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with a subpoena duly issued by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 203. **Pages H3482–H3909, H3919–22**

Rejected the Cummings motion to refer the resolution to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with instructions by a yea-and-nay vote of 191 yeas to 224 nays, Roll No. 202. **Pages H3919–22**

H. Res. 568, the rule providing for consideration of H. Rept. 113–415 and an accompanying resolution (H. Res. 574) and providing for consideration of H. Res. 565, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 224 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 198, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 197. **Pages H3458, H3479–80**

Calling on Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr., to appoint a special counsel to investigate the

targeting of conservative nonprofit groups by the Internal Revenue Service: The House agreed to H. Res. 565, to call on Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr., to appoint a special counsel to investigate the targeting of conservative nonprofit groups by the Internal Revenue Service, by a yea-and-nay vote of 250 yeas to 168 nays, Roll No. 204.

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H. Res. 568, the rule providing for consideration of H. Rept. 113–415 and an accompanying resolution (H. Res. 574) and providing for consideration of H. Res. 565, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 224 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 198, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 197. Pages H3458–65

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Electrify Africa Act of 2014: H.R. 2548, amended, to establish a comprehensive United States government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth.

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Recess: The House recessed at 8:04 p.m. and reconvened at 9:55 p.m.

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Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he provided notice of his intent to withdraw the designation of Russia as a beneficiary developing country under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–107).

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the actions of the Government of Syria is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2014—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–108).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3455.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3479, H3480, H3480–81, H3481, H3481–82, H3921–22, H3922, H3922–23. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies held a markup on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill FY 2015. The bill was ordered reported to the Full Committee, without amendment.

UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE TO COMBAT TRANSNATIONAL CRIME

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on United States Assistance to Combat Transnational Crime Budget. Testimony was heard from William Brownfield, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; and Luis CdeBaca, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4435, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

NRC FY 2015 BUDGET AND POLICY ISSUES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “The NRC FY 2015 Budget and Policy Issues”. Testimony was heard from the following NRC officials: George Apostolakis, Commissioner; Alison Macfarlane, Chairman, William Magwood, Commissioner; William Ostendorff, Commissioner; and Kristine Svinicki, Commissioner.

PPACA ENROLLMENT AND THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “PPACA Enrollment and the Insurance Industry”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 3301, the “North American Energy Infrastructure Act”; H.R. 4342, the “Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters Act of 2014”; and a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations, and for other purposes.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4200, the “SBIC Advisers Relief Act”; H.R. 4554, the “Restricted Securities Relief Act”; H.R. 2629, the “Fostering Innovation Act”; H.R. 1779, the “Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2013”; H.R. 2673, the “Portfolio Lending and Mortgage Access Act”; H.R. 3211, the “Mortgage Choice Act of 2013”; H.R. 4466, the “Financial Regulatory Clarity Act of 2014”; H.R. 4521, the “Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act of 2014”; H.R. 4568, the “Small Business Freedom and Growth Act”; a resolution to authorize the issuance of subpoenas to the Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury for certain documents; legislation regarding the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise its rules so as to increase the threshold amount for requiring issuers to provide certain disclosures relating to compensatory benefit plans; legislation regarding the Disclosure Modernization and Simplification Act; legislation regarding the Private Placement Improvement Act; and legislation regarding the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise the definition of a well-known seasoned issuer to reduce the worldwide market value threshold under the definition. The bill, H.R. 3211, was ordered reported without amendment. All other bills that the committee considered today are pending roll call votes, which will be taken on date yet to be determined.

ASSESSING THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS THREAT: RUSSIA AND BEYOND

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled “Assessing the Biological Weapons Threat: Russia and Beyond”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PREVENTING WASTE, FRAUD, ABUSE AND MISMANAGEMENT IN HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Preventing Waste, Fraud, Abuse and Mismanagement in Homeland Security—A GAO High-Risk List Review”. Testimony was heard from Alejandro Mayorkas, Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and John Roth, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3361, the “USA FREEDOM Act”. The bill was ordered reported as amended.

PROPER MANAGEMENT OF ELECTRICITY RIGHTS OF WAY ON FEDERAL LANDS

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Keeping the Lights On and Reducing Catastrophic Forest Fire Risk: Proper Management of Electricity Rights of Way on Federal Lands”. Testimony was heard from Jim Peña, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service; Ed Roberson, Assistant Director for Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 409, the “Indian Trust Asset Reform Act”; and H.R. 4350, the “Northern Cheyenne Lands Act”. Testimony was heard from Representative Simpson; Michael Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior; and public witnesses.

EPA LEADERSHIP

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Is EPA Leadership Obstructing Its Own Inspector General?”. Testimony was heard from the following Environmental Protection Agency officials: Bob Perciasepe, Deputy Administrator; Patrick Sullivan, Assistant Inspector General, Investigations, Office of the Inspector General; Allan Williams, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Investigations, Office of the Inspector General; and Elisabeth Heller Drake, Special Agent, Office of Investigations, Office of Inspector General.

SUCCESS AND OPPORTUNITY THROUGH QUALITY CHARTER SCHOOLS ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE 2012 TERRORIST ATTACK IN BENGHAZI

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 10, the “Success and Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Act”; and H. Res. 567, Providing for the Establishment of the Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi. The Committee granted, by record vote of 6–2, a structured rule for H.R. 10. The rule provides 90 minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill.

and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments 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 2, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from May 12, 2014, through May 16, 2014: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment.

In section 3, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2.

In section 4, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of May 8, 2014, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to H.R. 4366, the Strengthening Education through Research Act.

In section 5, the rule provides that the Committee on Appropriations may, at any time before 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2014, file privileged reports to accompany measures making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015.

In section 6, the rule provides that during consideration of the bill (H.R. 4438) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify and make permanent the research credit, pursuant to House Resolution 569, the further amendment printed in part B of the report shall be considered as adopted.

In section 7 of the rule provides that House Resolution 569 is amended by striking “90 minutes” and inserting “one hour”.—

H. Res. 567—Providing for the Establishment of the Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi. [ORIGINAL JURISDICTION MARKUP] The Committee favorably reported the resolution to the House by record vote of 7–4 without amendment.—

H. Res. 567—Providing for the Establishment of the Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the

2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi. [ORIGINAL JURISDICTION HEARING]—

The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–4, a closed rule for H. Res. 567. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.—

Testimony on H.R. 10 was heard from Representatives Rokita, George Miller (CA), and Cassidy.

PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES TO HELP VETERANS PURSUE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Military to Entrepreneurship: Private Sector Initiatives to Help Veterans Pursue Business Opportunities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE 2014 TAX RETURN FILING SEASON

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the 2014 tax return filing season. Testimony was heard from John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Janet L. Yellen, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the United States economic and fiscal outlook, 9:30 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Tourism, Competitiveness, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine the state of United States travel and tourism, focusing on industry efforts to attract 100 million visitors annually, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stefan M. Selig, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, Darci L. Vetter, of Nebraska, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Henry J. Aaron,

of the District of Columbia, Lanhee J. Chen, of California, and Alan L. Cohen, of Virginia, all to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine assessing Venezuela's political crisis, focusing on human rights violations and beyond, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sylvia Matthews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine identifying critical factors for success in information technology acquisitions, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine waste and abuse in Army sponsorship and marketing contracts, 3 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1720, to promote transparency in patent ownership and make other improvements to the patent system, and the nominations of Carlos Eduardo Mendoza, and Paul G. Byron, both to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Darrin P. Gayles, and Beth Bloom, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, 11:15 a.m., S-216, Capitol.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee, markup on Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill, FY 2015; and Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2015, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee, hearing entitled "Big Labor on College Campuses: Examining the Consequences of Unionizing Student Athletes", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 3301, the "North American Energy Infrastructure Act"; H.R. 4342, the "Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters Act of 2014"; and a bill to amend the Commu-

nications Act of 1934 to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Annual Testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the International Financial System", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee, hearing entitled "Russia's Destabilization of Ukraine", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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Program for Thursday: At 11:15 a.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nominations of Indira Talwani, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, James D. Peterson, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, and Nancy J. Rosenstengel, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, and on confirmation of the nomination of Pamela K. Hamamoto, of Hawaii, to be Representative to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador.

If cloture is invoked on the nominations, at 1:45 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Indira Talwani, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, James D. Peterson, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, and Nancy

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10 a.m., Thursday, May 8

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H. Res. 567—Providing for the Establishment of the Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi (Subject to a Rule). Begin consideration of H.R. 10—Success and Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Act (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 4366—Strengthening Education through Research Act, as amended, under suspension of the rules.

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