

Daily Digest

Highlights

House agreed to the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 3080, Water Resources Reform and Development Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2354–2365, and S. Res. 452.

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Measures Reported:

S. 2086, to address current emergency shortages of propane and other home heating fuels and to provide greater flexibility and information for Governors to address such emergencies in the future, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–162)

S. Res. 412, reaffirming the strong support of the United States Government for freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and air-space in the Asia-Pacific region, and for the peaceful diplomatic resolution of outstanding territorial and maritime claims and disputes, with amendments and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 421, expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and military achievement by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending them for leadership and valor in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II.

S. Res. 426, supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day, with an amendment and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 451, recalling the Government of China's forcible dispersion of those peaceably assembled in Tiananmen Square 25 years ago, in light of China's continued abysmal human rights record. **Page S3183**

Measures Passed:

Shimon Peres Congressional Gold Medal: Senate passed H.R. 2939, to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres. **Page S3192**

Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Congressional Gold Medal: Senate passed H.R. 1209, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

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Monuments Men Recognition Act: Senate passed H.R. 3658, to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

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American Fighter Aces Congressional Gold Medal Act: Senate passed H.R. 685, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare.

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Authorize Testimony, Documents, and Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 452, to authorize testimony, documents, and representation in *City of Lafayette v. Bryan Benoit*. **Page S3193**

Measures Considered:

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 162, to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004. **Pages S3151–53**

Conference Reports:

Water Resources Reform and Development Act Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if the Senate receives the papers with respect to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3080, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the

United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, by Thursday, May 22, 2014, that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader with the concurrence of the Republican Leader, but no later than Thursday, May 22, 2014, the Chair lay before the body the conference report to accompany the bill, and Senate vote on adoption of the conference report; that the vote on adoption be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold; and that no motions or points of order be in order to the conference report.

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

Convention on Taxes with the Republic of Poland (Treaty Doc. No. 113–5).

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.

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Fischer, Barron, Cook, Green, Daly, and Martinez Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, and the previous order of Wednesday, May 14, 2014, that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Stanley Fischer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, at 12:15 p.m., on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, all post-cloture time be expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Stanley Fischer; that following disposition of the nomination of Stanley Fischer, Senate recess until 2 p.m.; that at 2 p.m., there be 10 minutes for debate, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of David Jeremiah Barron, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit; that if cloture is invoked, at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2014, all post-cloture time be expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of David Jeremiah Barron, with all other remaining provisions of the previous order remaining in effect; that following the cloture vote on the nomination of David Jeremiah Barron, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Elisebeth Collins Cook, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, James Walter Frazer Green, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana, Deirdre M. Daly, of Connecticut, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, and Damon Paul Martinez, of New Mexico, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico, and vote on confirmation of the nominations

in the order listed; 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 10 minutes in length; and that no further motions be in order to the nominations.

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Fischer Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Stanley Fischer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Pages S3175–76**

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

By 62 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 159), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 12:15 p.m., on Wednesday, May 21, 2014.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Dana J. Hyde, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

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Susan McCue, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years. **Pages S3175, S3194**

Mark Green, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of two years. **Pages S3175, S3194**

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 158), Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Page S3175**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Geoffrey W. Crawford, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont.

37 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Navy.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today.
(Total—159) **Pages S3175–76**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3193.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies ordered favorably reported for full committee consideration H.R. 4486, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

APPROPRIATIONS: AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2015.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland met in open session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support met in open session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities met in open session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Cheryl A. LaFleur, of Massachusetts, who was introduced by Senator Shaheen, and Norman C. Bay, of New Mexico, who was introduced by Senator Heinrich and former Senator Domenici, both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2142, to impose targeted sanctions on persons responsible for violations of human rights of antigovernment protesters in Venezuela, to strengthen civil society in Venezuela, with an amendment;

S. Res. 412, reaffirming the strong support of the United States Government for freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and air-space in the Asia-Pacific region, and for the peaceful diplomatic resolution of outstanding territorial and maritime claims and disputes, with amendments;

S. Res. 421, expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and military achievement by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending them for leadership and valor in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II;

S. Res. 426, supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day, with amendments;

S. Res. 451, recalling the Government of China's forcible dispersion of those peaceably assembled in Tiananmen Square 25 years ago, in light of China's continued abysmal human rights record; and

The nominations of Michael Anderson Lawson, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, Alice G. Wells, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Thomas P. Kelly III, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Cassandra Q. Butts, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Andrew H. Schapiro, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, and Nina Hachigian, of California, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, Michael W. Kempner, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, Paige Eve Alexander, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Mark Sobel, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director, and Sunil Sabharwal, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director, both of the International Monetary Fund, Matthew T. McGuire, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and Mileydi Guilarte, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR WORKING WOMEN

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine eco-

nomic security for working women, after receiving testimony from Neera Tanden, Center for American Progress, Amy Traub, Demos, and Fatima Goss Graves, National Women's Law Center, all of Washington, D.C.; Ellen Bravo, Family Values at Work, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Lori Pelletier, Connecticut AFL-CIO, Rocky Hill; Gayle E. Troy, Globe Manufacturing Company, LLC, Pittsfield, New Hampshire, on behalf of the Society for Human Resource Management; Rhea Lana Riner, Rhea Lana's Inc., Conway, Arkansas; and Armanda Legros, Jamaica Estates, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of André Birotte, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, who was introduced by Senator Feinstein, John W. deGravelles, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, who was introduced by Senator Landrieu, Randolph D. Moss, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Representative Norton, Robin L. Rosenberg, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, who was introduced by Senator Nelson, and Ronnie L. White, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, who was introduced by Senator McCaskill, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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: 16 public bills, H.R. 4678–4693; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 589 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1098, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to traumatic brain injury and to trauma research, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–456);

H.R. 1528, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–457, Pt. 1)

H.R. 3548, to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–458);

H.R. 4080, to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care

programs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–459); and

H. Res. 590, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4435) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3361) to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–460).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:26 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Charlie Martin, Bethel Baptist Church, Vilas, North Carolina.

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Committee Resignations: Read a letter from Representative Messer, wherein he resigned from the Committees on the Budget and Foreign Affairs.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 589, electing a Member to a standing committee of the House of Representatives.

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

Water Resources Reform and Development Act. Conference report to accompany H.R. 3080, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States and to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 220;

Pages H4487–96

Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2014. H.R. 3530, amended, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 221;

Pages H4501–09, H4534–35

Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act of 2014. H.R. 3610, amended, to stop exploitation through trafficking;

Pages H4509–15

Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation Act of 2014. H.R. 4225, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 222;

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Preventing Sex Trafficking and Improving Opportunities for Youth in Foster Care Act. H.R. 4058, amended, to prevent and address sex trafficking of youth in foster care;

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International Megan’s Law to Prevent Demand for Child Sex Trafficking: H.R. 4573, amended, to protect children from exploitation, especially sex trafficking in tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered child-sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination and requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child-sex offender is seeking to enter the United States; and

Pages H4529–34

Condemning the abduction of female students by armed militants from the terrorist group known as Boko Haram: H. Res. 573, amended, to condemn the abduction of female students by armed militants from the terrorist group known as Boko Haram in northeastern provinces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Pages H4535–41

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015: The House began consideration of H.R. 4435, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 21st.

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Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–44 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Agreed to:

Lamborn amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 113–455) that requires the Department of Defense to establish a plan with the Afghan government for reimbursing contractors for illegal taxes and

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Lamborn amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 113–455) that adds a Sense of Congress establishing that national security is the top priority for the Federal government and should be the top priority for the use of public lands.

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Withdrawn:

Gohmert amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–455) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required the Secretary of Defense to establish either a security monitoring duty roster program that would authorize certain DoD personnel to openly carry a firearm on a military installation, or a procedure to permit qualified military personnel to openly carry a firearm on a military installation for personal protection.

Pages H4673–74

Proceedings Postponed:

Blumenauer amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 113–455) that seeks to authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to procure not more than 10 AESA

radar upgrades for the Air National Guard F-15C/D aircraft, which is offset by cuts to levels authorized beyond the President's Budget Request, spread across 9 accounts; **Pages H4671–73**

Loretta Sanchez (CA) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 113–455) that seeks to allow the transfer of funds to nuclear nonproliferation, not just to weapons activities and naval reactors as is currently allowed for in the bill; **Pages H4674–75**

Garamendi amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 113–455), as modified, that seeks to direct the President, DOD, and AFRICOM to expand various programs to include combating wildlife trafficking and poaching; and **Pages H4676–78**

Daines amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 113–455) that seeks to strike subsection (c) of Section 1634 of the reported NDAA, which terminates in 2021 the requirement that ICBM silos remain in at least warm status. **Pages H4678–79**

H. Res. 585, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4660) and (H.R. 4435), was agreed to by voice vote after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Page H4496**

Recess: The House recessed at 10 p.m. and reconvened at 1:44 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21st. **Page H4682**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4541.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4495–96, H4534–35 and H4535. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:45 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21st.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

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

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL OF ADVISORS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PCAST) REPORT ON DRUG INNOVATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “21st Century Cures: The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) Report on Drug Innovation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission”. Testimony was heard from Tom

Wheeler, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission.

FSOC'S DESIGNATION PROCESS AND ITS IMPACT ON THE U.S. FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Dangers of the FSOC's Designation Process and Its Impact on the U.S. Financial System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO REFORM DOMESTIC INSURANCE POLICY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Reform Domestic Insurance Policy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FUTURE OF U.S.-MEXICO RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Future of U.S.-Mexico Relations”. Testimony was heard from Roberta S. Jacobson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; William R. Brownfield, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; and Elizabeth Hogan, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin American and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development.

AL-QAEDA IN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN: AN ENDURING THREAT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Al-Qaeda in Afghanistan and Pakistan: An Enduring Threat”. Testimony was heard from Michael A. Sheehan, Distinguished Chair, Combating Terrorism Center, United States Military Academy, West Point; and public witnesses.

RESOURCING THE PIVOT TO ASIA: EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC FY 2015 BUDGET PRIORITIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Resourcing the Pivot to Asia: East Asia and Pacific FY 2015 Budget Priorities”. Testimony was heard from Daniel R. Russel, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Denise Rollins, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a markup on H.R. 3203, the “Essential Transportation Worker Identification Credential Assessment Act”; H.R. 3488, to establish the conditions under which the Secretary of Homeland Security may establish preclearance facilities, conduct preclearance operations, and provide customs services outside the

United States, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3846, the “United States Customs and Border Protection Authorization Act”. The bills were forwarded, as amended, to the Full Committee.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 1776, the “Clear Creek National Recreation Area and Conservation Act”; H.R. 2175, the “World War II Memorial Prayer Act of 2013”; H.R. 2489, the “Oregon Caves Revitalization Act of 2013”; H.R. 3806, the “Great Smoky Mountains National Park Agreement Act of 2013”; H.R. 4094, the “Ashland Breakwater Light Transfer Act”; and H.R. 4272, the “Forest Access in Rural Communities Act”. Testimony was heard from Senator Allard; Representatives Farr; Meadows; and Johnson (OH); Heath Schuler; Lenise Lago, Deputy Chief of Business Operations, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Carl Roundtree, National Landscape Conservation System and Community Partnerships, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior; Bruce Sheaffer, Comptroller, National Park Service, Department of Interior; and a public witness.

AMERICAN ENERGY JOBS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICAN MANUFACTURING

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “American Energy Jobs: Opportunities for American Manufacturing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OIL AND GAS ACTIVITIES WITHIN OUR NATION’S NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled “Oil and Gas Activities Within Our Nation’s National Wildlife Refuge System”. Testimony was heard from Steve Guertin, Assistant Director, Fish and Wildlife Service; Kip Knudson, Director of State and Federal Relations, State of Alaska.

EXAMINING THE FEDERAL RESPONSE TO AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Examining the Federal Response to Autism Spectrum Disorders”. Testimony was heard from Thomas R. Insel, M.D., Director, National Institute of Mental Health; Michael K. Yudin, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education; Marcia Crosse, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office.

MEDICARE MISMANAGEMENT: OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EFFORT TO RECAPTURE MISSPENT FUNDS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements held a hearing entitled “Medicare Mismanagement: Oversight of the Federal Government Effort to Recapture Misspent Funds”. Testimony was heard from Shantanu Agrawal, M.D., Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Program Integrity, CMS; Kathleen King, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and Brian P. Ritchie, Assistant Inspector General for Audit Services, Office of Inspector General, Health and Human Services.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015; AND USA FREEDOM ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4435, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015” (amendment consideration); and H.R. 3361, the “USA FREEDOM Act”. The Committee granted, by voice vote a structured rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 4435. The rule provides no additional general debate. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the rule. The rule provides that the amendments printed in part A of the report 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 A of the report or against amendments en bloc as described in section 3 of the rule.

In section 3, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part A of the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule also provides a closed rule for H.R. 3361. The rule provides one hour of debate with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and 20 minutes equally divided and

controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The bill provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part B of the 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 provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

In section 6, the rule provides that the Committee on Appropriations may, at any time before 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, file privileged reports to accompany measures making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015.

Testimony was heard from Representatives Coffman; Franks; Fleming; Bridenstine; Langevin; Hanabusa; Speier; Castro; Duckworth; Gabbard; McGovern; Young (AK); Rohrabacher; Jones (NC); Pitts; King; Jenkins; Lummis; Thompson (PA); Amash; Denham; Ellmers; Huizenga; Mulvaney; Collins (NY); Jackson Lee; Lofgren; Lee; Larson (CT); Schiff; Lynch; Bishop (NY); Cleaver; Welch, Nolan; Keating, Cárdenas; Gohmert; and Chairman Goodlatte.

NANOTECHNOLOGY: FROM LABORATORIES TO COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Nanotechnology: From Laboratories to Commercial Products”. Testimony was heard from Timothy Person, Chief Scientist, Government Accountability Office; Lloyd Whitman, Interim Director, National Nanotechnology Coordination Office; Deputy Director, Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology; and public witnesses.

REVIEW OF THE PIPELINE SAFETY, REGULATORY CERTAINTY, AND JOB CREATION ACT OF 2011

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “A Review of the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from Cynthia L. Quarterman, Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; and public witnesses.

EXPLORING JOBS FOR VETERANS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Exploring Jobs for Veterans in the Energy Sector”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on current hospital issues in the Medicare program, with an emphasis on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) two-midnights policy, short inpatient stays, outpatient observation stays, auditing and appeals. Testimony was heard from Sean Cavanaugh, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center of Medicare, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Jodi Nudelman, Regional Inspector General for Evaluation and Inspections, NY Region, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D502)

H.R. 4120, to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date. Signed on May 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–102)

H.R. 4192, to amend the Act entitled “An Act to regulate the height of buildings in the District of Columbia” to clarify the rules of the District of Columbia regarding human occupancy of penthouses above the top story of the building upon which the penthouse is placed. Signed on May 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–103)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine energy security and research, 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 Small Business Administration and the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, 1:45 p.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel, business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Full Committee, closed business meeting to mark up the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine delivering better health care value to consumers, focusing on the first three years of the medical loss ratio, 2:45 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy, to hold hearings to examine

strengthening Social Security to meet the needs of tomorrow's retirees, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nomination of Sylvia Mathews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine authorization for the use of military force after Iraq and Afghanistan, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, with the Subcommittee on African Affairs, subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs with the Subcommittee on African Affairs to hold joint hearings to examine the escalating international wildlife trafficking crisis, focusing on ecological, economic and national security issues, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 2354, DHS Cybersecurity Workforce Recruitment and Retention Act of 2014, S. 2113, to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, H.R. 1233, to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, S. 1045, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that persons having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for Federal employment, S. 1744, to strengthen the accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of background investigations, to update guidelines for security clearances, S. 1691, to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for reforms and rates of pay for border patrol agents, S. 675, to prohibit contracting with the enemy, S. 1820, to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of official portraits of Members of Congress, heads of executive agencies, and heads of agencies and offices of the legislative branch, H.R. 1036, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Center Street West in Eatontown, Washington, as the "National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson Post Office", H.R. 1228, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 South 9th Street in De Pere, Wisconsin, as the "Corporal Justin D. Ross Post Office Building", H.R. 1451, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building", H.R. 2391, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5323 Highway N in Cottleville, Missouri as the "Lance Corporal Phillip Vinnedge Post Office", H.R. 3060, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 232 Southwest Johnson Avenue in Burleson, Texas, as the "Sergeant William Moody Post Office Building", and the nominations of Sherry Moore Trafford, and Steven M. Wellner, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Julia Akins Clark, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Tony Hammond, of Missouri, and Nanci E. Langley, of Hawaii, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1474, to encourage the State of Alaska to enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes in

the State relating to the enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, to improve the quality of life in rural Alaska, to reduce alcohol and drug abuse, 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. 1622, to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, 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. 2132, to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, and H.R. 2388, to take certain Federal lands located in El Dorado County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine Indian education, focusing on the Bureau of Indian Education, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the role of health care providers in advance care planning, 10 a.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee, markup on Transportation, HUD and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill FY 2015, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on legislation regarding Promoting New Manufacturing Act, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Keeping the Promise: Site of Service Medicare Payment Reforms", 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing entitled "Allegations of Discrimination and Retaliation within the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Part Two", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Improve Transparency and Accountability at the CFPB", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee, hearing entitled "Boko Haram: The Growing Threat to Schoolgirls, Nigeria, and Beyond", 9:45 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled "The Development of Energy Resources in Central Asia", 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled "The Humanitarian Crisis in Syria: Views from the Ground", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence; and Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies joint subcommittee hearing entitled "Assessing Persistent and Emerging Cyber Threats to the U.S. Homeland," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4402, the "Guam Military Training and Readiness Act of 2014", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4670,

the “Secure Delivery for America Act of 2014”; H.R. 4671, the “Public Interest Declassification Board Reauthorization Act of 2014”; H.R. 2750, the “Design-Build Efficiency and Jobs Act of 2013”; H.R. 43, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Red River Avenue North in Cold Spring, Minnesota, as the “Officer Tommy Decker Memorial Post Office”; H.R. 451, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Beach, Florida, as the “Richard K. Salick Post Office”; H.R. 606, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 Country Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the “Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building”; H.R. 1671, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6937 Village Parkway in Dublin, California, as the “James ‘Jim’ Kohnen Post Office”; H.R. 1701, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 302 East Green Street in Champaign, Illinois, as the “James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building”; H.R. 1865, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the “Thaddeus Stevens Post Office”; H.R. 2112, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 787 State Route 17M in Monroe, New York, as the “National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial Post Office”; H.R. 2223, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the “Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building”; H.R. 2291, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, as the “Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office”; H.R. 2678, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10360 Southwest 186th Street in Miami, Florida, as the “Larcenia J. Bullard Post Office Building”; H.R. 2802, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 418 Liberty Street in Covington, Indiana, as the “Fountain County Veterans Memorial Post Office”; H.R. 3027, to designate the facility of the United States

Postal Service located at 442 Miller Valley Road in Prescott, Arizona, as the “Barry M. Goldwater Post Office”; H.R. 3085, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3349 West 111th Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building”; H.R. 3534, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 West Michigan Avenue in Jackson, Michigan, as the “Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office”; H.R. 4355, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 B Street in Perryville, Arkansas, as the “Harold George Bennett Post Office”; and H.R. 4416, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 161 Live Oak Street in Miami, Arizona, as the “Staff Sergeant Manuel V. Mendoza Post Office Building”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Astrobiology and the Search for Life in the Universe”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on S. 1254, the “Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2013”; and H.R. 4186, the “FIRST Act of 2014”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, “Examining the Federal Protective Service: Are Federal Facilities Secure?”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Using New Ocean Technologies: Promoting Efficient Maritime Transportation and Improving Maritime Domain Awareness and Response Capability”, 9:30 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine women’s retirement security, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12:15 p.m.), Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Stanley Fischer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. At 2:10 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of David Jeremiah Barron, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, and on confirmation of the nominations of Elisebeth Collins Cook, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, James Walter Frazer Green, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana, Deirdre M. Daly, of Connecticut, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, and Damon Paul Martinez, of New Mexico, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico.

(Following the vote on confirmation of the nomination of Stanley Fischer, Senate will recess until 2 p.m. for the Republican caucus meeting.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Wednesday, May 21

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Continue consideration of H.R. 4435—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015.

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