

CORRECTION

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3773–S3824

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2486–2494, and S. Res. 478. **Page S3811**

Measures Passed:

Omnibus Territories Act: Senate passed S. 1237, to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3821–23**

Reid (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 3288, to remove certain sections. **Pages S3822–23**

Measures Considered:

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4660, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, post-cloture. **Pages S3776–S3805**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 19, 2014, and all but two hours of post-cloture debate time be considered expired. **Page S3824**

House Messages:

Pay Our Guard and Reserve Act: Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3230, to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and Senate insisted on its amendment, agreed to the request for a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Sanders, Rockefeller, Murray, Brown, Tester, Begich, Blumenthal, Hirono, Burr, Isakson, Johanns, McCain, Coburn, and Rubio. **Page S3805**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3824.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Chuck Hagel, Secretary, and General Martin Dempsey, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

HIGH FREQUENCY TRADING'S IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment concluded a hearing to examine high frequency trading's impact on the economy, after receiving testimony from Hal S. Scott, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Jeffrey M. Solomon, Cowen and Company, LLC, New York, New York; and Andrew M. Brooks, T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland.

E-CIGARETTE MARKETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine e-cigarette marketing and potential consequences for youth, after receiving testimony from Susanne E. Tanski, Dartmouth Geisel School of Medicine, Lebanon, New Hampshire, on behalf of the American Academy of Pediatrics; Matthew L. Myers, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, and Scott D. Ballin, both of Washington, DC; Jason Healy, blu eCigs, Charlotte, North Carolina; and Craig Weiss, NJOY, Scottsdale, Arizona.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1771, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon;

S. 1800, to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1946, to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to modify the authorization of appropriations, with an amendment;

S. 1965, to amend the East Bench Irrigation District Water Contract Extension Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior to extend the contract for certain water services;

S. 2010, to amend the Water Conservation and Utilization Act to authorize the development of non-Federal hydropower and issuance of leases of power privileges at projects constructed pursuant to the authority of the Water Conservation and Utilization Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2019, to reauthorize and update certain provisions of the Secure Water Act, with amendments;

H.R. 1963, to amend the Water Conservation and Utilization Act to authorize the development of non-Federal hydropower and issuance of leases of power privileges at projects constructed pursuant to the authority of the Water Conservation and Utilization Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

An original bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; and

The nominations of Suzette M. Kimball, of West Virginia, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, and Estevan R. Lopez, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior, Monica C. Regalbuto, of

Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, and Norman C. Bay, of New Mexico, and Cheryl A. LaFleur, of Massachusetts, both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine climate change, focusing on the need to act now, after receiving testimony from Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange, Montgomery; former Governor Christine Todd Whitman, The Whitman Strategy Group, Oldwick, New Jersey, William D. Ruckelshaus, Madrona Venture Group, Seattle, Washington, William K. Reilly, TPG Capital, San Francisco, California, and Lee M. Thomas, Jacksonville, Florida, all a former Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; Daniel B. Botkin, University of California, Santa Barbara, New York, New York; and Joseph R. Mason, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

U.S. AFGHANISTAN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy in Afghanistan and the regional implications of the 2014 transition, after receiving testimony from James Dobbins, Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State; and Kelly E. Magsamen, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs.

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the intelligence community, focusing on keeping watch over its contractor workforce, including additional actions needed to improve reporting on and planning for the use of contract personnel, after receiving testimony from Stephanie O'Sullivan, Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence; and Timothy J. DiNapoli, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM BILLS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1948, to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program, and S. 2299, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to reauthorize a provision to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages, after receiving testimony from William Mendoza, Executive Director, White House

Initiative on Indian and Alaska Native Education; Lillian Sparks Robinson, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Montana State Representative Clarena M. Brockie, Harlem; Thomas Shortbull, Oglala Lakota College, Kyle, South Dakota, on behalf of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium; Ed Delgado, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Oneida; Namaka Rawlins, 'Aha Punana Leo, Inc., Hilo, Hawaii; and Sonta Hamilton Roach, Shageluk, Alaska.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights approved for full committee consideration S.J. Res. 19, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

GROWING SMALL BUSINESS EXPORTS

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine growing small business exports and growing United States

Jobs, after receiving testimony from Mark Calhoon, Washington State Department of Commerce Business Services Division Senior Managing Director, Seattle; Jennifer Verdon, Idaho Department of Commerce International Business Division Manager, Boise; Eric Hahn, General Plastics Manufacturing, Tacoma, Washington; Donald F. Tyler, Corfin Industries LLC, Salem, New Hampshire; Bob Campbell, Alliance Solutions Group, Inc., Newport News, Virginia; and W. Dan Hendrix, World Trade Center Arkansas, Rogers.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the reduction in face-to-face services at the Social Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Nancy Berryhill, Deputy Commissioner for Operations, Social Security Administration; Tammy DeLong, Aroostook Area Agency on Aging, Presque Isle, Maine; Scott Hale, National Council of Social Security Management Associations, Washington, DC; and Brenda Holt, Gadsden County Commissioner, Quincy, Florida.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 4885–4898; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 630 were introduced. **Pages H5493–94**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5494–95**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 629, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4413) to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, to help farmers, ranchers, and end users manage risks to help keep consumer costs low, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–476). **Page H5493**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaMalfa to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5401**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5404**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Rabbi Michael Lotker, Temple Ner Ami, Camarillo, CA. **Page H5404**

Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2014—

Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed by voice vote to the Miller (FL) motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the title of H.R. 3230, to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and concur in the Senate amendment to the text of H.R. 3230 with the amendment printed in H. Rept. 113–475. Subsequently, the House agreed by voice vote to the Miller (FL) motion that the House insist upon its amendment to the Senate amendment, and request a conference with the Senate thereon. **Pages H5413–15**

Rejected the Sinema motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 198 yeas to 220 nays, Roll No. 316. **Pages H5425–29**

Subsequently, the Chair appointed the following conferees on H.R. 3230: For consideration of the House amendment and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Miller (FL), Lamborn, Roe (TN), Flores,

Benishek, Coffman, Wenstrup, Walorski, Michaud, Brown (FL), Takano, Brownley (CA), Kirkpatrick, and Walz. **Page H5425**

H. Res. 628, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4870) and providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 3230), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 315, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H5407–13

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2015: The House began consideration of H.R. 4870, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. Consideration of the measure is expected to resume tomorrow, June 19th. **Pages H5407–25, H5429–87**

Agreed to:

Lee amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Defense Health Program by \$5,000,000 for multiple sclerosis research; **Pages H5446–47**

Jackson Lee amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Defense Health Program by \$500,000 for post-traumatic stress disorder research;

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Lamborn amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard by \$5,000,000; **Page H5450**

Jeffries amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Defense Health Program by \$10,000,000 for post-traumatic stress disorder research; **Page H5450**

McKinley amendment that redirects \$21,000,000 in funding within Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide for the National Guard Youth Challenge Program; **Pages H5450–51**

McGovern amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Defense Health Program by \$3,000,000 for therapeutic service dogs; **Pages H5451–52**

Benishek amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Defense Health Program by \$2,000,000 for Alzheimer's disease research; **Page H5452**

Ellison amendment that redirects \$10,000,000 in funding within Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide; **Pages H5454–55**

Runyan amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Other Procurement, Air Force by \$6,000,000; **Page H5455**

Delaney amendment that reduces funding for Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide by \$24,000,000 and increases funding for the Fisher House Foundation, Inc. for the construction and furnishing of additional Fisher Houses; **Pages H5455–56**

Lowenthal amendment that redirects \$5,000,000 in funding within Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide; **Page H5456**

Grayson amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Defense Health Program by \$10,000,000 for Gulf War Illness research; **Pages H5456–57**

Murphy (PA) amendment that reduces funding for Environmental Restoration, Air Force by \$37,000,000 and increases funding for the Defense Health Program by \$10,000,000 for mental health treatment; **Pages H5457–58**

Jackson Lee amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Defense Health Program by \$5,000,000 for breast cancer research; **Pages H5461–62**

Nugent amendment that redirects \$10,000,000 in funding within Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force; **Pages H5463–64**

Grayson amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Defense Health Program by \$10,000,000 for prostate cancer research; **Pages H5464–65**

Holt amendment that redirects \$1,000,000 in funding within the Defense Health Program for research on financial stress and its relation to suicide; **Page H5465**

Langevin amendment that redirects \$30,000,000 in funding within the Defense Health Program for spinal cord injury research; **Pages H5465–66**

Holt amendment that redirects \$2,000,000 in funding within the Intelligence Community Management Account for the Intelligence Community Whistleblowing & Source Protection Directorate; **Pages H5466–77**

Daines amendment that strikes the portion of section 8132 which requires the provisions of the section to continue in effect through the date of enactment of an Act authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense; **Page H5477**

Grayson amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into a contract with any offeror or any of its principals if that offeror has (1) within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for commission of a fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violating Federal criminal tax laws, or receiving stolen property; or (2) are presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1); or (3) within a three-year period preceding this offer, has been notified of any delinquent Federal taxes in an amount

that exceeds \$3,000 for which the liability remains unsatisfied; and **Page H5483**

Nolan amendment that prohibits funds from being used for the “Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund”. **Page H5485**

Rejected:

Lamborn amendment that sought to redirect \$5,000,000 in funding within Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide; **Pages H5447–48**

Kildee amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Defense Health Program by \$20,000,000; and **Pages H5459–61**

Coffman amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of June 17, 2014) that sought to reduce funding for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force by \$15,722,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account. **Page H5463**

Withdrawn:

Kildee amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide by \$10,000,000 and reduced funding for Aircraft Procurement, Navy by \$50,000,000; **Pages H5452–53**

Garamendi amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have reduced funding for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force by \$15,600,000 and applied the savings to the spending reduction account; and **Pages H5462–63**

Cole amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used to provide housing on a military installation to an alien (as defined in the Immigration and Nationality Act) who is an unaccompanied minor and is not a dependent of a member of the Armed Forces. **Pages H5482–83**

Point of Order sustained against:

Gohmert amendment that sought to increase, by offset, funding for National Guard Personnel, Army by \$41,492,000; **Page H5445**

Gohmert amendment that sought to increase funding for National Guard Personnel, Army by \$41,492,000 and reduce funding for operation and maintenance of activities and agencies of the Department of Defense (other than the military departments) by \$57,000,000; **Pages H5445–46**

Garamendi amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for research, development, test, or evaluation for the F–35 Joint Strike Fighter to modify the F–35 Joint Strike Fighter in a manner that provides B–61 delivery capability until the date that a report has been delivered to the Congressional defense committees outlining costs and capabilities; **Pages H5481–82**

Grayson amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used by an officer, employee, or con-

tractor of the intelligence community to subvert or interfere with the integrity of any cryptographic standard that is proposed, developed, or adopted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology; and **Pages H5483–84**

Grayson amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to make aircraft, armored vehicles, grenade launchers, silencers, toxicological agents, launch vehicles, guided missiles, ballistic missiles, rockets, torpedos, bombs, mines, or nuclear weapons available to local law enforcement agencies through the Department of Defense Excess Personal Property Program. **Pages H5486–87**

Proceedings Postponed:

Gohmert amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense by \$35,956,000 for the National Guard counter-drug program; **Pages H5453–54**

Blumenauer amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of June 17, 2014) that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Environmental Restoration, Formerly Used Defense Sites by \$3,400,000; **Pages H5458–59**

Nadler amendment that seeks to strike section 8132, which prohibits funds from being used to reduce, convert, decommission, or otherwise move to nondeployed status any Minuteman III ballistic missile silo that contains a deployed missile as of the date of the enactment of this Act; **Pages H5477–81**

Walorski amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to transfer or release to the Republic of Yemen (or any entity within Yemen) a detainee who is or was held, detained, or otherwise in the custody of DoD on or after June 24, 2009, at the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; and **Pages H5484–85**

Miller (MI) amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to divest, retire, transfer, or place in storage, or prepare to divest, retire, transfer, or place in storage, any A–10 aircraft, or to disestablish any units of the active or reserve component associated with such aircraft. **Pages H5485–86**

H. Res. 628, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4870) and providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 3230), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 315, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H5407–13**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5406.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear

on pages H5412–13, H5429. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a markup on Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill FY 2015. The bill was ordered reported, without amendment to the Full Committee.

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations FY 2015. The bill was ordered reported without amendment.

GM IGNITION SWITCH RECALL: INVESTIGATION UPDATE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The GM Ignition Switch Recall: Investigation Update”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Semi-Annual Report of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau”. Testimony was heard from Richard Cordray, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

ALLEGATIONS OF DISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION WITHIN THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU, PART THREE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Allegations of Discrimination and Retaliation within the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Part Three”. Testimony was heard from Ali Naraghi, Examiner, Southeast Region, Division of Supervision, Enforcement and Fair Lending, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; and Kevin Williams, former Quality Monitor, Office of Consumer Response, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a markup on H.R. 4653, to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes; H. Res. 503, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the need to

bring the South Sudan conflict to a sustainable and lasting end and to promote reconciliation of longstanding and recent grievances to allow for a peaceful society with good governance; and H. Res. 588, concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents. The bill and resolutions were ordered reported, as amended.

BERGDAHL EXCHANGE: IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY AND THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled “The Bergdahl Exchange: Implications for U.S. National Security and the Fight Against Terrorism”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY IN NORTH KOREA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Human Rights Abuses and Crimes Against Humanity in North Korea”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CRITICAL ROLE OF FIRST RESPONDERS: SHARING LESSONS LEARNED FROM PAST ATTACKS

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Critical Role of First Responders: Sharing Lessons Learned from Past Attacks”. Testimony was heard from John Miller, Deputy Commissioner, Intelligence and Counterterrorism, New York City Police Department; James Schwartz, Chief, Arlington County Fire Department, Virginia; James Hooley, Chief, Boston Emergency Medical Services; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3086, the “Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act”; and H.R. 4874, the “Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome Act of 2014”. The bills were ordered reported without amendment.

AMERICAN ENERGY JOBS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR STATES AND LOCALITIES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing entitled “American Energy Jobs: Opportunities

for States and Localities”. Testimony was heard from Ron Black, Vice-Chairman, Lea County Commission, New Mexico; Kevin Carter, Director, Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration; Rodney Arbuckle, Sheriff, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana; and public witnesses.

POISED TO PROFIT: HOW OBAMACARE HELPS INSURANCE COMPANIES EVEN IF IT FAILS PATIENTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Poised to Profit: How ObamaCare Helps Insurance Companies Even If It Fails Patients”. Testimony was heard from Senator Sessions; Mandy Cohen, M.D., Acting Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and public witnesses.

CUSTOMER PROTECTION AND END USER RELIEF ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4413, the “Customer Protection and End User Relief Act”. The Committee granted by a record vote a structured rule for H.R. 4413. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–47 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that 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. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lucas; and Representatives Peterson, Waters, Lynch, and Jackson Lee.

FUTURE OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “The Future of Surface Transportation”.

Testimony was heard from Gregory D. Winfree, Assistant Secretary, Department of Transportation; Troy Woodruff, Chief of Staff, Indiana Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

MAINTAINING COAST GUARD READINESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Maintaining Coast Guard Readiness”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Charles Michel, Deputy Commandant for Operations, United States Coast Guard; Michele Mackin, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Ronald O'Rourke, Specialist in Naval Affairs, Congressional Research Service; and a public witness.

AIRPORT FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “Airport Financing and Development”. Testimony was heard from Benito “Ben” De Leon, Deputy Associate Administrator for Airports, Federal Aviation Administration; Gerald L. Dillingham, Director of Civil Aviation Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

NON-VA CARE: AN INTEGRATED SOLUTION FOR VETERAN ACCESS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Non-VA Care: An Integrated Solution for Veteran Access”. Testimony was heard from Randy Williamson, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Philip Matkovsky, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Administrative Operations, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION'S JUNE REPORT TO CONGRESS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Medicare Payment Advisory Commission's (MedPAC) June Report to Congress. Testimony was heard from Mark Miller, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

Joint Meetings

EMPOWERMENT IN THE WORKPLACE

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine empowerment in the workplace, after receiving testimony from Diana Furchtgott-Roth, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research Economics21, Barbara Gault, Institute for Women's

Policy Research, Rachel Greszler, The Heritage Foundation Center for Data Analysis, and Heidi Shierholz, Economic Policy Institute, all of Washington, DC.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, and the Legislative Branch (H.R. 4487), 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Laura Junor, of Virginia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Gordon O. Tanner, of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, Debra S. Wada, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and Miranda A. A. Ballentine, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment, and Energy, all of the Department of Defense, and Monica C. Regalbuto, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on the security situation in Iraq, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine resources for export, domestic consumption, and transportation fuel, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and its Protocol, signed at Madrid on February 22, 1990 (Treaty Doc. 113-04), and the Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Poland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 13, 2013, at Warsaw (Treaty Doc. 113-05), 11 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on an update on Iraq, 2 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2454, to amend title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions of the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act of 2010, and the nominations of Julie E. Carnes, of Georgia, and Jill A. Pryor, of Georgia, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Andre Birotte, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, John W. deGravelles, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, Randolph D. Moss, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Robin L. Rosenberg, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Ronnie L. White, to

be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Leslie Joyce Abrams, Mark Howard Cohen, Leigh Martin May, and Eleanor Louise Ross, all to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, and Nancy B. Firestone, of Virginia, and Thomas L. Halkowski, of Pennsylvania, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive closed briefings on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, Forestry, hearing on a review of the Interpretive Rule regarding the applicability of Clean Water Act agricultural exemptions, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "P5+1 Negotiations over Iran's Nuclear Program and Its Implications for United States Defense", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

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