

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 4923, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4367–S4442

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2580–2595, S. Res. 498–500, and S. Con. Res. 39. **Pages S4403–04**

Measures Reported:

S. 517, to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2588, to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats. **Page S4403**

Measures Passed:

Assessing Progress in Haiti Act: Senate passed S. 1104, to measure the progress of recovery and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S4434–35

Near East and South Central Asia Religious Freedom Act: Senate passed S. 653, to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S4435–36

Reid (for Blunt) Amendment No. 3556, relating to the effective date. **Page S4435**

Sergeant Brett E. Gornewicz Memorial Post Office: Senate passed S. 2056, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the “Sergeant Brett E. Gornewicz Memorial Post Office”.

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Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 2057, to designate the facility of

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the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the “Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building”. **Page S4436**

Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1376, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the “Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building”. **Page S4436**

Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin, Jr., Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1813, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 162 Northeast Avenue in Tallmadge, Ohio, as the “Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin, Jr., Post Office Building”.

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Freedom of Navigation and Other Internationally Lawful Uses of Sea and Airspace in the Asia-Pacific Region: Senate agreed to S. Res. 412, reaffirming the strong support of the United States Government for freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and airspace in the Asia-Pacific region, and for the peaceful diplomatic resolution of outstanding territorial and maritime claims and disputes, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S4436–42

Reid (for Menendez) Amendment No. 3553, to make a technical correction. **Page S4439**

Reid (for Paul) Amendment No. 3554, to clarify that nothing in the resolution shall be construed as a declaration of war or authorization to use force.

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Reid (for Menendez) Amendment No. 3555, relating to the preamble. **Pages S4439–40**

Measures Considered:

Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2244,

to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002. **Pages S4367–69, S4384–92**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the bill; that the committee-reported amendments be agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be considered original text for the purposes of further amendment; that the only amendments in order to the bill be the following: Coburn Amendment No. 3549; Vitter Amendment No. 3550; Flake Amendment No. 3551; and Tester Amendment No. 3552; that each amendment have one hour of debate, equally divided between proponents and opponents; that there be one hour of general debate on the bill equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments in the order listed; that there be no second-degree amendments in order to any of the amendments prior to the votes; that upon disposition of Tester Amendment No. 3552, the bill be read a third time and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

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Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2363, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4377–78**

Pending:

Reid (for Udall (CO)/Risch) Amendment No. 3469, to clarify a provision relating to the non-Federal share of the cost of acquiring land for, expanding, or constructing a public target range.

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Reid Amendment No. 3490 (to Amendment No. 3469), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4377**

Reid Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3491, to change the enactment date. **Page S4377**

Reid Amendment No. 3492 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 3491), of a perfecting nature.

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Reid Amendment No. 3493 (to Amendment No. 3492), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4377**

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

By 41 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 220), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S4377–78**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 75 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. EX. 221), Shaun L. S. Donovan, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

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Douglas Alan Silliman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait. **Pages S4378–84, S4442**

Dana Shell Smith, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar. **Pages S4378–84, S4442**

Messages from the House: **Page S4401**

Measure Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S4386, S4401**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S4433–34**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—221) **Pages S4377–78, S4384**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 14, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4442.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposed emergency supplemental request for fiscal year 2015 for unaccompanied children and related matters, after receiving testimony from Jeh Johnson, Secretary of Homeland Security; Sylvia Mathews Burwell, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., Counselor of the Department, Department of State; and Juan P. Osuna, Director, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Admiral William E. Gortney, USN, for reappointment to the

grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Northern Command, and Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, General John F. Campbell, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, International Security Assistance Force, and Commander, United States Forces, Afghanistan, and Lieutenant General Joseph L. Votel, USA, to be general and Commander, United States Special Operations Command, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "The Preserving American's Transit and Highways Act".

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Leslie Ann Bassett, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, and Todd D. Robinson, of New

Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 517, to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, with an amendment; and

S.J. Res. 19, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

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: 22 public bills, H.R. 5052–5073; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 118; and H. Res. 663–665 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H6107–08

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Communication from the Sergeant at Arms: Read a letter from Paul D. Irving, Sergeant at Arms, in which he notified the House that pursuant to clause 12(c) of rule I, an imminent impairment of the place of reconvening for the House meeting of 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2014 was in place due to an industrial accident. Subsequently, the Speaker dispensed with morning-hour debate today and notified Members accordingly.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Rabbi Dovid Cohen, Young Israel of the West Side, New York, New York.

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Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2015 and Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 661, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill

(H.R. 5016) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015 and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4718) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation, by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 392, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 391.

Pages H6043–49, H6065–66

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015: The House passed H.R. 4923, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, by a yea-and-nay vote of 253 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 402. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, July 9th.

Pages H6049–64, H6066–H6100

Rejected the Enyart motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 188 yeas to 231 noes, Roll No. 401.

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Agreed to:

Lummis amendment (No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of July 8, 2014) that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section

3112(d)(2)(B) of the USEC Privatization Act and all public notice and comment requirements under chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code, that are applicable to carrying out such section; **Pages H6049–50**

Speier amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 4712 of title 41, United States Code; **Pages H6052–53**

Bonamici amendment that was debated on July 9th that increases funding, by offset, for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$9,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 380); **Pages H6057–58**

Schiff amendment that was debated on July 9th that increases funding, by offset, for the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy by \$20,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 216 ayes to 205 noes, Roll No. 383); **Pages H6059–60**

DeLauro amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into any contract with an incorporated entity if such entity's sealed bid or competitive proposal shows that such entity is incorporated or chartered in Bermuda or the Cayman Islands, and such entity's sealed bid or competitive proposal shows that such entity was previously incorporated in the United States (by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 200 noes, Roll No. 387); **Pages H6050–51, H6062**

Lankford amendment that prohibits funds from being used to prepare, propose, or promulgate any regulation or guidance that references or relies on the analysis contained in specified documents on the subject of the Social Cost of Carbon (by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 191 noes, Roll No. 389); **Pages H6053–54, H6063–64**

Cassidy amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Department of Energy to apply the report entitled "Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Perspective on Exporting Liquefied Natural Gas from the United States" in any public interest determination under the Natural Gas Act (by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 390); **Pages H6054–56, H6064**

Engel amendment that prohibits funds from being used to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles for any executive fleet, or for an agency's fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential Memorandum—Federal Fleet Performance, dated May 24, 2011; **Page H6068**

Ellison amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of July 8, 2014) that prohibits funds from being used to enter into a contract with any person whose disclosures of a proceeding with a disposition listed in section 2313(c)(1) of title 41, United States Code, in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System include the term "Fair Labor Standards Act"; **Pages H6069–70**

Grayson amendment (No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of July 8, 2014) that prohibits funds from being used to enter into a contract with any offeror or any of its principals if that offeror has (A) 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 sub-contract; 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 (B) are presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated above in subsection (A); or (C) 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; **Pages H6070–71**

Luetkemeyer amendment that prohibits funds from being used for the study of the Missouri River Projects authorized in section 108 of the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009; **Pages H6075–76**

Luetkemeyer amendment that prohibits funds from being used to continue the study conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to section 5018(a)(1) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007; **Page H6077**

Sean Patrick Maloney (NY) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce the order entitled "Order Accepting Proposed Tariff Revisions and Establishing a Technical Conference" issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on Aug. 13, 2013; **Pages H6080–81**

Scalise amendment that prohibits funds from being used within the borders of the State of Louisiana by the Mississippi Valley Division or the Southwestern Division of the Army Corps of Engineers or any district of the Corps within such divisions to implement or enforce the mitigation methodology referred to as the "Modified Charleston Method"; **Pages H6081–82**

Yoho amendment that prohibits funds from being used for "DE—FOA0000697: Sustainable Cities: Urban Energy Planning for Smart Growth in China and India"; **Pages H6082–83**

Fleming amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of July 8, 2014) that prohibits

funds from being used to pay the salary of any officer or employee to carry out section 301 of the Hoover Power Plant Act of 1984; **Pages H6083–84**

Walberg amendment that prohibits funds from being used to carry out section 801 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007; **Page H6084**

McKinley amendment that prohibits funds from being used to transform the National Energy Technology Laboratory into a government-owned, contractor-operated laboratory, or to consolidate or close the National Energy Technology Laboratory; **Page H6085**

Weber amendment that prohibits funds from being used for the Cape Wind Energy Project on the Outer Continental Shelf off Massachusetts, Nantucket Sound; **Pages H6085–86**

Byrne amendment that prohibits funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce Executive Order No. 13547, including the National Ocean Policy developed under such Executive Order; **Pages H6087–88**

Gosar amendment that prohibits funds from being used to award grants or provide funding for high-efficiency toilets or indoor water-efficient toilets; **Pages H6089–90**

Kelly (PA) amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 210(d)(1)(B)(ii) of the Water Resources Development Act; **Pages H6090–91**

Burgess amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enforce standards of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act with respect to BPAR, BR, and ER incandescent reflector lamps (by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 393); **Pages H6068–69, H6093–94**

LaMalfa amendment that prohibits funds from being used to regulate activities identified in subparagraphs (A) and (C) of section 404(f)(1) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or to limit the exemption in section 404(f)(1)(A) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to established or ongoing operations (by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 394); **Pages H6071–72, H6094**

Stockman amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Department of Energy to block approval of offshore drilling permits (by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 204 noes, Roll No. 396); **Pages H6079–80, H6095–96**

McKinley amendment that prohibits funds from being used to design, implement, administer or carry out specified assessments regarding climate change (by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 397); and **Pages H6084–85, H6096**

Gosar amendment that prohibits funds from being used for the Department of Energy's Climate Model

Development and Validation program (by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 399). **Pages H6088–89, H6097–98**

Rejected:

McClintock amendment that was debated on July 9th that sought to reduce funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Programs by \$22,000,000; Nuclear Energy by \$9,810,000; Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$30,935,000; Department of Energy, Departmental Administration by \$9,551,000; Nuclear Regulatory Commission by \$49,062,000 and to apply the \$121,358,000 in savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 129 ayes to 290 noes, Roll No. 379); **Page H6057**

Speier amendment that was debated on July 9th that sought to reduce funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$30,935,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 381); **Pages H6058–59**

Titus amendment (No. 15 printed in the Congressional Record of July 8, 2014) that was debated on July 9th that sought to eliminate funding for Nuclear Waste Disposal and apply the \$150,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 75 ayes to 344 noes, Roll No. 382); **Page H6059**

Quigley amendment that was debated on July 9th that sought to reduce funding for the National Nuclear Security Administration, Weapons Activities by \$7,600,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 384); **Pages H6060–61**

Chabot amendment that was debated on July 9th that sought to eliminate funding for the Denali Commission and apply the \$10,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 385); **Page H6061**

Titus amendment (No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of July 8, 2014) that was debated on July 9th that sought to strike section 506, relating to the Yucca Mountain geologic repository license application (by a recorded vote of 96 ayes to 326 noes, Roll No. 386); **Pages H6061–62**

King (IA) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce the prevailing wage requirements in subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 388); **Pages H6051–52, H6062–63**

Huffman amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for programs, projects, and activities of the Bureau of Reclamation authorized under

the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act by \$52,000,000; **Page H6075**

Hudson amendment that prohibits funds from being used for any program not authorized by law as of the date of the enactment of this Act except for amounts under the headings “National Nuclear Security Administration”, “Environmental and Other Defense Activities”, or “Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board”; **Page H6091**

Stockman amendment that prohibits funds from being used for the Department of Energy’s Loan Program Office (by a recorded vote of 140 ayes to 282 noes, Roll No. 395); **Pages H6078–79, H6094–95**

Blackburn amendment (No. 22 printed in the Congressional Record of July 9, 2014) that sought to reduce the level of funding in the bill by 1 percent across-the-board (by a recorded vote of 150 ayes to 271 noes, Roll No. 398); and

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Hudson amendment that sought to reduce the amounts made available in the bill by 7.4831 percent except for amounts under the headings “National Nuclear Security Administration”, “Environmental and Other Defense Activities”, or “Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board” (by a recorded vote of 131 ayes to 289 noes, Roll No. 400).

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Withdrawn:

McNerney amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and

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Barton amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have authorized the Secretary of Energy to conduct a pilot program to license, construct, and operate one or more government or privately owned consolidated storage facilities to provide interim storage as needed for spent nuclear fuel and high level radioactive waste.

Pages H6066–68

Point of Order sustained against:

Burgess amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being provided to any entity that commenced a case under title 11 of the United States Code in fiscal year 2013, 2014, or before the date such funds would otherwise be so obligated in fiscal year 2015;

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Garamendi amendment that sought to require the Secretary of Energy to submit to the congressional defense committees a report that includes an analysis of alternatives with respect to using the existing infrastructure at the Savannah River Site of the Department of Energy, including existing mixed oxide facilities, to conduct an alternative method for meeting the nuclear disposition requirements of the United States;

Pages H6072–73

LaMalfa amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used by the Bureau of Reclamation to terminate, or implement, administer, or enforce the termination of, the existing Sacramento River Settlement Contracts before the resolution of Natural Resources Defense Council, et al. v. Jewell, et al.;

Pages H6073–75

Garamendi amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to approve a liquefied natural gas export application from a facility that would be supplied with or export liquefied natural gas on foreign-flag vessels when an application that would be supplied with or export liquefied natural gas on American-flag vessels is pending;

Pages H6076–77

Garamendi amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to approve an application for the supply or export of liquefied natural gas unless the Department of Energy has consulted with the United States Maritime Administration on the availability of United States-flag vessels to transport the liquefied natural gas; and

Pages H6077–78

Yoho amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to finalize, implement, or enforce any rule that would increase electricity prices or reduce electricity reliability.

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H. Res. 641, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4899) and (H.R. 4923), was agreed to on June 25th.

Recess: The House recessed at 7:46 p.m. and reconvened at 7:59 p.m.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H6049.

Senate Referrals: S. 247 was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and Transportation and Infrastructure; S. 311, S. 354, S. 363, and S. 476 were referred to the Committee on Natural Resources; and S. 609 was held at the desk.

Pages H6049, H6104

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and 21 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6057, H6057–58, H6058–59, H6059, H6059–60, H6060–61, H6061, H6061–62, H6062, H6063, H6063–64, H6064, H6065, H6065–66, H6093–94, H6094, H6094–95, H6095–96, H6096, H6096–97, H6097–98, H6098, H6099–H6100 and H6100. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IMPLEMENTING THE AGRICULTURAL ACT OF 2014: COMMODITY POLICY AND CROP INSURANCE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing entitled “Implementing the Agricultural Act of 2014: Commodity Policy and Crop Insurance”. Testimony was heard from Michael T. Scuse, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Department of Agriculture.

DEFENSE REFORM

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Defense Reform: Empowering Acquisition Success”. Testimony was heard from Stephanie Barna, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense; and Frank Kendall, Under Secretary of Defense.

CRUISER AND DESTROYER MODERNIZATION AND LARGE SURFACE COMBATANT FORCE STRUCTURE ASSESSMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Cruiser and Destroyer Modernization and Large Surface Combatant Force Structure Assessment”. Testimony was heard from RADM Lawrence E. Creevy, Deputy Commander for Surface Warfare, Naval Sea Systems Command; RADM Thomas S. Rowden, Director, Surface Warfare; and Sean Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3136, the “Advancing Competency-Based Education Demonstration Project Act of 2013”; H.R. 4983, the “Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act”; and H.R. 4984, the “Empowering Students through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, to the House, as amended: H.R. 3136; H.R. 4983; and H.R. 4984.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade concluded markup on the following legislation: legislation regarding “Targeting Rogue and Opaque Letters Act of 2014”; H.R. 4450, the “Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2014”; and H.R. 4013, the “Low Volume Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Act of 2014”. The “Targeting Rogue and Opaque Letters Act of 2014” was forwarded to the Full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 4450

and H.R. 4013 were forwarded to the Full Committee, as amended.

LEGISLATION TO REFORM THE FEDERAL RESERVE ON ITS 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Legislation to Reform the Federal Reserve on Its 100-year Anniversary”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL CIVILIAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Future of International Civilian Nuclear Cooperation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING: NIGERIA AND BEYOND

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a “Human Rights Vetting: Nigeria and Beyond”. Testimony was heard from Lauren Ploch Blanchard, Specialist in African Affairs, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE ORGAN MOUNTAINS-DESERT PEAKS A NATIONAL MONUMENT: IMPLICATIONS FOR BORDER SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency held a hearing entitled “The Executive Proclamation Designating the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks a National Monument: Implications for Border Security”. Testimony was heard from Representative Pearce; Todd Garrison, Sheriff, Doña County, New Mexico; Marc R. Roseblum, Deputy Director, Immigration Policy Program; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5036, to amend title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions of the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act of 2010; and H.J. Res. 105, Conferring honorary citizenship of the United States on Bernardo de Galvez y Madrid, Viscount of Galveston and Count of Galvez. The following bill and resolution were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 5036 and H.J. Res. 105.

EXAMINING NEW EMBASSY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining New

Embassy Construction: Are New Administration Policies Putting Americans Overseas in Danger?”. Testimony was heard from Lydia Muniz, Director, Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations, Department of State; Casey Jones, Deputy Director, Bureau of Overseas, Buildings and Operations, Department of State; and a public witness.

MEDICARE MISMANAGEMENT PART II: EXPLORING MEDICARE APPEALS REFORM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements held a hearing entitled “Medicare Mismanagement Part II: Exploring Medicare Appeals Reform”. Testimony was heard from Nancy J. Griswold, Chief Administrative Law Judge, Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals, Department of Health and Human Services.

CASH ACCOUNTING

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “Cash Accounting: A Simpler Method for Small Firms?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ACCESS TO VA’S MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Service should not lead to suicide: Access to VA’s Mental Health Care”. Testimony was heard from Maureen McCarthy, M.D., Deputy Chief Patient Care Services Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 645, “Requesting that the President of the United States transmit to the House of Representatives copies of any emails in the possession of the Executive Office of the President that were transmitted to or from the email account(s) of former Internal Revenue Service Exempt Organizations Division Director Lois Lerner between January 2009 and April 2011”; H. Res. 647, “Directing the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of any emails in the possession

of the Department that were transmitted to or from the email account(s) of former Internal Revenue Service Exempt Organizations Division Director Lois Lerner between January 2009 and April 2011”; and H.R. 5021, the “Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014”. The following bill was ordered reported, to the House, as amended: H.R. 5021. The following resolutions were ordered reported, to the House, without amendment: H. Res. 645; and H. Res. 647.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

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

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “21st Century Cures: Incorporating the Patient Perspective”, 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled “Constitutional Considerations: States vs. Federal Environmental Policy Implementation”, 9:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Over-Criminalization Task Force, hearing on Agency Perspectives, 9 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and the Census, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Workforce: The Viability of the Senior Executive Service”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Fusion Energy: The World’s Most Complex Energy Project”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, July 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will be in a period of morning business until 6 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, July 11

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 4718—To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation.

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