

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### Routine Proceedings, pages S4851–S4974

**Measures Introduced:** Nineteen bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2651–2669, S. Res. 517–523, and S. Con. Res. 41.

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#### Measures Reported:

S. 2508, to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 113–219)

S. 1353, to provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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#### Measures Passed:

***Khmer and Lao/Hmong Freedom Fighters of Cambodia and Laos:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 462, recognizing the Khmer and Lao/Hmong Freedom Fighters of Cambodia and Laos for supporting and defending the United States Armed Forces during the conflict in Southeast Asia, after agreeing to a title amendment and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Rubio) Amendment No. 3690, to amend the preamble.

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***National Airborne Day:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 519, designating August 16, 2014, as “National Airborne Day”.

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#### Measures Considered:

**Bring Jobs Home Act:** Senate began consideration of S. 2569, to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America, after agreeing to the motion to proceed.

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**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the text of an amendment to the Agreement Between the Govern-

ment of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes of July 3, 1958, as amended; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–51)

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**McDonald Nomination–Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, with the concurrence of the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Robert Alan McDonald, of Ohio, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs; that there be four hours for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination.

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**Kaye, Mohorovic, and McKeon Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that upon disposition of the nomination of Pamela Harris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Elliot F. Kaye, of New York, to be a Commissioner and Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Joseph P. Mohorovic, of Illinois, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and Brian P. McKeon, of New York, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense; that there be two minutes for debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees prior to each vote; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations; and that no further motions be in order to the nominations.

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**Harris Nomination—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Pamela Harris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

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

By 54 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 241), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 2 p.m., on Monday, July 28, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees; that at 5:30 p.m., all post-cloture time be deemed expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Lisa S. Disbrow, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. **Pages S4877, S4974**

Victor M. Mendez, of Arizona, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation. **Pages S4877, S4974**

Peter M. Rogoff, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy. **Pages S4877, S4974**

Bruce H. Andrews, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce. **Pages S4877, S4974**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S4901–02**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S4973**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—241) **Page S4876**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:13 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 28, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4974.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

## NOMINATION

**Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, after the nominee, who

was introduced by Senator Feinstein, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

## SOCIAL SECURITY

**Committee on Finance:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine Social Security, focusing on a fresh look at workers' disability insurance, after receiving testimony from Stephen C. Goss, Chief Actuary, and Marianna LaCanfora, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Office of Retirement and Disability Policy, both of the Social Security Administration; and Rebecca D. Vallas, Center for American Progress, and Richard V. Burkhauser, Cornell University and American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, DC.

## IRAQ POLICY OPTIONS

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine Iraq at a crossroads, focusing on options for United States policy, after receiving testimony from Brett McGurk, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State; Elissa Slotkin, Performing the Duties of the Principal Deputy Undersecretary for Policy, and Michael D. Barbero, Lieutenant General, U.S. Army (Retired), both of the Department of Defense; and James Franklin Jeffrey, The Washington Institute for Near Eastern Policy, and Kenneth M. Pollack, The Brookings Institution, both of Washington, DC.

## NOMINATION

**Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Anne E. Rung, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

**Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:** Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine making the Federal Emergency Management Agency more effective for streamlined disaster operations, focusing on the path to efficiency, after receiving testimony from John Roth, Inspector General, and Joseph Nimmich, Associate Administrator, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Chris Currie, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and Daniel Sutter, Troy University Johnson Center for Political Economy, Troy, Alabama.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Joseph L. Nimmich, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**ROLE OF STATES IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of states in higher education, after receiving testimony from Teresa Lubbers, Indiana Commission for Higher Education Commissioner, Indianapolis; Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Chicago; Eric W. Kaler, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; and

Laura W. Perna, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stephen R. Bough, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, who was introduced by Senator McCaskill, Armando Ormar Bonilla, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, who was introduced by Senator Whitehouse, and Wendy Beetlestone, Mark A. Kearney, Joseph F. Leeson, Jr., and Gerald J. Pappert, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, who were introduced by Senators Casey and Toomey, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 19 public bills, H.R. 5184–5202; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 110; and H. Res. 682–686 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H6815–16**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3044, to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi (H. Rept. 113–553);

H.R. 4156, to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow advertisements and solicitations for passenger air transportation to state the base airfare of the transportation, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–554);

H.R. 3846, to provide for the authorization of border, maritime, and transportation security responsibilities and functions in the Department of Homeland Security and the establishment of United States Customs and Border Protection, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–555, Pt. 1);

H.R. 594, to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–556);

H.R. 669, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unex-

pected sudden death in early life, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–557);

H.R. 4250, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–558); and

H.R. 4290, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–559).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:39 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Thomas Koys, St. James at Sag Bridge Catholic Church, Lemont, Illinois.

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**Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act:** The House passed H.R. 4984, to amend the loan counseling requirements under the Higher Education Act of 1965, by a recorded vote of 405 ayes to 11 noes, Roll No. 446.

**Pages H6758–78**

Rejected the Tierney motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report the same back to the

House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 445.

**Pages H6776-77**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113-53 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

Kline amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113-546) that clarifies the information provided to first-time borrowers; a clarification that borrowers must accept their loans annually after the completion of the other counseling requirements; a requirement for the Secretary of Education, acting through the Director of the Institute of Education Sciences, to conduct a longitudinal study of the impact and effectiveness of the student loan counseling required under this act; and other minor technical edits;

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Murphy (FL) amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113-546) that requires the inclusion of recent average income and employment data for different levels of educational attainment;

**Pages H6764-65**

Loretta Sanchez (CA) amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113-546) that includes an explanation that if a student decides to transfer to another institution, not all of the student's credits may be acceptable towards meeting specific degree or program requirements at such institution, therefore, eligibility for Federal Pell Grants will not reset due to the maximum number of semesters or equivalent;

**Pages H6765-66**

Cohen amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113-546) that adds a requirement that students be told how Federal and private student loans are treated in bankruptcy;

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Hahn amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113-546) that provides student loan borrowers with the national average cohort default rate in addition to the institution's cohort default rate and the categorical national cohort default rate;

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Peters (MI) amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113-546) that requires that student borrowers receive an explanation of the impact of a delinquency or default on a loan to their credit score, including the borrower's future ability to find employment or purchase a home or a car; and

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Kilmer amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113-546) that ensures each individual is aware of financial management resources provided by

the Treasury Department's Financial Literacy and Education Commission (by a recorded vote of 404 ayes to 14 noes, Roll No. 444).

**Pages H6763-64, H6775-76**

H. Res. 677, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3136) and (H.R. 4984), was agreed to yesterday, July 23rd.

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police who were killed in the line of duty defending the Capitol against an intruder armed with a gun on July 24, 1998.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, July 23rd:

**Improving the response to victims of child sex trafficking:** H.R. 5111, amended, to improve the response to victims of child sex trafficking, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 447.

**Pages H6778-79**

**Student and Family Tax Simplification Act:** The House passed H.R. 3393, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to consolidate certain tax benefits for educational expenses, by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 449.

**Pages H6779-91**

Rejected the Sinema motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 195 yeas to 219 nays, Roll No. 448.

**Pages H6789-90**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 113-552, shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 680, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3393) and (H.R. 4935), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 443, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 442.

**Pages H6767-75**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 tragedy that occurred on July 17, 2014.

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**Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House rejected the Peters (CA) motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3230 by a yea-and-nay vote of 205 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 450. The motion was debated yesterday, July 23rd.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, July 25th. **Page H6792**

**Notice of Intent to Offer Motion:** Representative Rahall announced his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3230. **Page H6792**

**Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House debated the Brownley (CA) motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3230. Further proceedings were postponed.

**Pages H6792–96**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the text of an amendment to the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes of July 3, 1958, as amended, as well as his written approval, authorization, and determination concerning the Amendment—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–137). **Page H6797**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H6758.

**Senate Referral:** S.J. Res. 40 was referred to the Committee on House Administration. **Page H6812**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6774, H6774–75, H6775–76, H6777, H6777–78, H6779, H6790, H6790–91, H6791–92. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### THE ROLE OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN RELATION TO OTHER FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

**Committee on Agriculture:** Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, and Nutrition held a hearing on the role of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in relation to other Federal assistance programs. Testimony was heard from Sidonie Squier, Secretary, New Mexico Human Services Department; and public witnesses.

### LABS OF DEMOCRACY: THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF STATE ENERGY POLICIES

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “Labs of

Democracy: The Economic Impacts of State Energy Policies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 3670, the “Anti-Spoofing Act of 2013”; the “LPTV and Translator Act of 2014”; and the “E-LABEL Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Latta and Meng; and public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT OF THE SEC’S DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

**Committee on Financial Services:** Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government-Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the SEC’s Division of Corporation Finance”. Testimony was heard from Keith F. Higgins, Director, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission.

## THE STRUGGLE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY IN EGYPT

**Committee on Foreign Affairs:** Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “The Struggle for Civil Society in Egypt”. Testimony was heard from Charles Michael Johnson, Jr., Director, International Security and Counterterrorism Issues, International Affairs and Trade Team, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

## THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE OF AUTISM

**Committee on Foreign Affairs:** Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The Global Challenge of Autism”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## U.S.-INDIA RELATIONS UNDER THE MODI GOVERNMENT

**Committee on Foreign Affairs:** Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “U.S.-India Relations Under the Modi Government”. Testimony was heard from Nisha Biswal, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; and Arun Kumar, Director General, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, and Assistant Secretary for Global Markets, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

## JIHADIST SAFE HAVENS: EFFORTS TO DETECT AND DETER TERRORIST TRAVEL

**Committee on Homeland Security:** Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “Jihadist Safe Havens: Efforts to Detect and

Deter Terrorist Travel". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## CONSTITUTIONAL SOLUTIONS TO OUR ESCALATING NATIONAL DEBT: EXAMINING BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENTS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Constitutional Solutions to our Escalating National Debt: Examining Balanced Budget Amendments". Testimony was heard from the following: Representatives DeFazio, Coffman, Amash, Scott of Virginia, and Schweikert; and public witnesses.

## COPYRIGHT REMEDIES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing on copyright remedies. Testimony was heard from David Bitkower, Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

## THREATS, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING BY FEDERAL LAND MANAGING AGENCIES, PART II

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation held a hearing entitled "Threats, Intimidation and Bullying by Federal Land Managing Agencies, Part II". Testimony was heard from James D. Perkins, Sheriff, Garfield County, UT; Leland Pollock, Commissioner, Garfield County, UT; Grant A. Gerber, Commissioner, Elko County, NV; Ronny Rardin, Commissioner, Otero County, NM; and public witnesses.

## THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION AND ITS SECTION 5 AUTHORITY: PROSECUTOR, JUDGE, AND JURY

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Federal Trade Commission and Its Section 5 Authority: Prosecutor, Judge, and Jury". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 78, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4110 Almeda Road in Houston, Texas, as the "George Thomas 'Mickey' Leland Post Office Building"; H.R. 2819, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 275 Front Street in Marietta, Ohio, as the "Veterans Memorial Post Office Building"; H.R. 3957, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218–10 Merrick Boulevard

in Springfield Gardens, New York, as the "Cynthia Jenkins Post Office Building"; H.R. 4443, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Vermilyea Avenue, in New York, New York, as the "Corporal Juan Mariel Alcantara Post Office Building"; H.R. 4651, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 West Baker Road in Baytown, Texas as the "Specialist Keith Erin Grace Jr. Memorial Post Office"; H.R. 4919, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 715 Shawan Falls Drive in Dublin, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids and Captain Nicholas J. Rozanski Memorial Post Office"; H.R. 4939, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2551 Galena Avenue in Simi Valley, California, as the "Neil Havens Post Office"; H.R. 5019, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the "Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office"; H.R. 5030, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13500 SW 250 Street in Princeton, Florida, as the "Corporal Christian A. Guzman Rivera Post Office Building"; H.R. 4874, the "SCRUB Act of 2014"; H.R. 24, the "Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2013"; H.R. 5170, the "Federal Records Accountability Act of 2014"; H.R. 5106, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Admiral Callaghan Lane in Vallejo, California, as the "Philmore Graham Post Office Building"; H.R. 5169, the "Senior Executive Service Accountability Act"; and committee report entitled "Pseudo-Classification of Executive Branch Documents". The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4874, H.R. 5170, and H.R. 24. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 5169, H.R. 78, H.R. 2819, H.R. 3957, H.R. 4443, H.R. 4651, H.R. 4919, H.R. 4939, H.R. 5019, H.R. 5030, and H.R. 5106. The committee report entitled "Pseudo-Classification of Executive Branch Documents" was ordered reported, without amendment.

## PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY TO INITIATE LITIGATION FOR ACTIONS BY THE PRESIDENT OR OTHER EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICIALS INCONSISTENT WITH THEIR DUTIES UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 676, providing for authority to initiate litigation for actions by the President or other executive branch officials inconsistent with their duties under the Constitution of the United States. The resolution was ordered reported, as amended.

**MODERNIZING AGRICULTURE PRODUCER SIZE STANDARDS**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Modernizing Agriculture Producer Size Standards”. Testimony was heard from John Shoraka, Associate Administrator for Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration; and public witnesses.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING AND PERMITTING FRAMEWORK: AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EPA TO PROVIDE COMMUNITIES WITH FLEXIBILITY TO MAKE SMART INVESTMENTS IN WATER QUALITY**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “Integrated Planning and Permitting Framework: An Opportunity for EPA to Provide Communities with Flexibility to Make Smart Investments in Water Quality”. Testimony was heard from Todd Portune, Commissioner, Hamilton County (OH) Board of Commissioners; and public witnesses.

**RESTORING TRUST: THE VIEW OF THE ACTING SECRETARY AND THE VETERANS COMMUNITY**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Restoring Trust: The View of the Acting Secretary and the Veterans Community”. Testimony was heard from Sloan D. Gibson, Acting Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

**THE STATUS OF THE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PROGRAM AND THE IMPACT OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ON THE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PROGRAM**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the status of the Medicare Advantage program and the impact of the Affordable Care Act on the Medicare Advantage program. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a markup on Technical and Tactical Intelligence report; member access requests. The report was ordered reported, without amendment. Six member access requests were approved.

**Joint Meetings**

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JULY 28, 2014**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing on amphibious fleet requirements, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, markup on H. Res. 665, condemning the murder of Israeli and Palestinian children in Israel and the ongoing and escalating violence in that country; and H. Con. Res. 107, denouncing the use of civilians as human shields by Hamas and other terrorist organizations in violation of international humanitarian law, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Task Force on Over-Criminalization, hearing entitled “The Crimes on the Books and Committee Jurisdiction”, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “White House Office of Political Affairs: Is Supporting Candidates and Campaign Fund-Raising an Appropriate Use of a Government Office?”; markup on resolution of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2996, the “Revitalize American Manufacturing and Innovation Act of 2013”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

## Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, July 28

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Pamela Harris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, post-closure.

At 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Pamela Harris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Elliot F. Kaye, of New York, to be a Commissioner and Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Joseph P. Mohorovic, of Illinois, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and Brian P. McKeon, of New York, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, July 25

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Consideration of H.R. 4935—Child Tax Credit Improvement Act of 2014 (Subject to a Rule) and consideration of H. Con. Res. 105—Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces, other than Armed Forces required to protect United States diplomatic facilities and personnel, from Iraq.

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