

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Robert Alan McDonald, of Ohio, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Senate passed H.R. 5021, Highway and Transportation Funding Act, as amended.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5005–S5074*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2675–2685, and S. Res. 526–528. **Pages S5050–51**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2015”. (S. Rept. No. 113–222)

S.J. Res. 36, relating to the approval and implementation of the proposed agreement for nuclear cooperation between the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–221)

S. Res. 502, 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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 513, honoring the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising.

S. Res. 520, condemning the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 and expressing condolences to the families of the victims.

S. Res. 522, expressing the sense of the Senate supporting the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit to be held in Washington, D.C. from August 4 through 6, 2014. **Page S5047**

#### Measures Passed:

**Highway and Transportation Funding Act:** By 79 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 248), Senate passed H.R. 5021, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, by the order of the Senate of Wednesday,

July 23, 2014, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5021–39**

#### Adopted:

By 71 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 244), Wyden/Hatch Amendment No. 3582, to modify the provisions relating to revenue. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to.) **Pages S5021–26, S5037**

By 66 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 245), Carper Amendment No. 3583, in the nature of a substitute. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to.) **Pages S5031–37, S5037–38**

#### Rejected:

By 28 yeas to 69 nays (Vote No. 246), Lee Amendment No. 3584, to empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway programs and mass transit programs. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S5028–31, S5038**

By 47 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 247), Toomey Amendment No. 3585, to ease Federal burdens on State and local governments recovering from catastrophic events. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S5026–28, S5038–39**

**Providing for the Correction of an Enrollment:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 108, providing for the correction of the enrollment of H.R. 5021. **Page S5039**

**Supporting Israel's Right to Defend Itself:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 526, supporting Israel's right to defend itself against Hamas. **Page S5039**

**Naftali Fraenkel:** Senate passed S. 2577, to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$5,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of Naftali Fraenkel, a dual United States-Israeli citizen, that began on June 12, 2014. **Page S5069**

**Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 103, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. **Page S5069**

**Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 106, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals in honor of the men and women who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001. **Page S5069**

**Congratulating the Members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 527, congratulating the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. for 100 years of service throughout the United States and the world, and commending Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. for exemplifying the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service while upholding the motto "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity". **Page S5069**

**125th Anniversary of North Dakota's Statehood:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 528, commemorating the 125th anniversary of North Dakota's Statehood. **Pages S5069–70**

**United States Intelligence Professionals Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 521, designating July 26, 2014, as "United States Intelligence Professionals Day", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5070**

**International Religious Freedom Act:** Senate passed H.R. 4028, to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to include the desecration of cemeteries among the many forms of violations of the right to religious freedom. **Page S5070**

#### Measures Considered:

**Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2648, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. **Pages S5005–07, S5040–42**

**Bring Jobs Home Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing

that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 30, 2014, Senate resume consideration of S. 2569, Bring Jobs Home Act, that there be one hour for debate equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 2569, Bring Jobs Home Act. **Page S5070**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13441 with respect to Lebanon; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–52) **Pages S5045–46**

**Akuetteh, Moritsugu, and Kennedy Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2648, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Cynthia H. Akuetteh, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, Erika Lizabeth Moritsugu, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Richard A. Kennedy, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring May 30, 2016; 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 in the order listed; that any roll call votes, following the first in the series, be 10 minutes in length; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Page S5070**

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

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 243), Robert Alan McDonald, of Ohio, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs. **Pages S5015–18, S5018–21, S5074**

Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. **Pages S5021, S5074**

Michael Stephen Hoza, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon. **Pages S5021, S5074**

Joan A. Polaschik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

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**Nomination Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

David Nathan Saperstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

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**Measures Read the First Time:**

**Pages S5046, S5070**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:**

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**Executive Communications:**

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**Executive Reports of Committees:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

**Pages S5068–69**

**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—248)

**Pages S5021, S5037–39**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:51 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 30, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5070.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CLIMATE CHANGE

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic and budgetary consequences of climate change, focusing on the cost of inaction, and opportunities to reduce Federal fiscal exposures through greater resilience to climate change and extreme weather, after receiving testimony from Alfredo Gomez, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Mindy Lubber, Ceres, Boston, Massachusetts; Sherri W. Goodman, CNA Military Advisory Board, Arlington, Virginia; W. David Montgomery, NERA Economic Consulting, Washington,

DC; and Bjorn Lomborg, Copenhagen Consensus Center, Copenhagen, Denmark.

### RESTORE ACT AND GULF RESTORATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine revisiting the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies Act, focusing on progress and challenges in Gulf restoration post-*Deepwater Horizon*, after receiving testimony from Bruce H. Andrews, Deputy Secretary of Commerce; Trudy D. Fisher, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Executive Director, Jackson; Justin R. Ehrenwerth, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Mimi A. Drew, Tallahassee, Florida, both of the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council; Grover C. Robinson IV, Escambia County Commissioner, Pensacola, Florida, on behalf of the Florida Gulf Coast Consortium; and Thomas E. Kelsch, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund, Washington, DC.

### TRUCK SAFETY ON OUR HIGHWAYS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine opportunities and challenges for improving truck safety on our highways, after receiving testimony from Anne S. Ferro, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Joan Claybrook, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, and David J. Osiecki, American Trucking Associations, both of Washington, DC; Major David Palmer, Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, Austin, Texas; and William G. Dawson, United Parcel Service, Anna, Texas, on behalf of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

### ENERGY PRODUCTION ON FEDERAL LANDS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine breaking the logjam at the Bureau of Land Management, focusing on ways to more efficiently process permits for energy production on Federal lands, and understanding the obstacles in permitting more energy projects on Federal lands, including S. 279, to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and S. 2440, to expand and extend the program to improve permit coordination by the Bureau of Land Management, after receiving testimony from Senator Tester; Neil Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Mark A. Christensen, Campbell County Board of Commissioners Chairman, Gillette, Wyoming, on behalf of the Wyoming County Commissioners Association; Lorinda

Wichman, Nye County Commission Vice Chairman, Round Mountain, Nevada; Scott M. Kidwell, COG Operating LLC, Midland, Texas, on behalf of Concho Resources, Inc.; Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance, Denver, Colorado; Arthur Haubenstock, Perkins Coie LLP, San Francisco, California, on behalf of the Solar Energy Industries Association; and Scott Nichols, U.S. Geothermal Inc., Boise, Idaho.

#### THREATS POSED BY CLIMATE CHANGE

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the threats posed by climate change, after receiving testimony from Carl Hedde, Munich Reinsurance America, Inc., Princeton, New Jersey; Kristin Jacobs, Broward County Commissioner, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Bill Mook, Mook Sea Farm, Walpole, Maine; Bjorn Lomborg, Copenhagen Consensus Center, Lowell, Massachusetts; and Raymond J. Keating, Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council, Vienna, Virginia.

#### TOBACCO TAXES

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine tobacco, focusing on taxes owed, avoided, and evaded, after receiving testimony from John J. Manfreda, Administrator, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury; David Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Michael Tynan, Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division Policy Officer, Portland; Ronald J. Bernstein, Liggett Vector Brands LLC, Morrisville, North Carolina; Rocky Patel, Rocky Patel Premium Cigars, Inc., Naples, Florida; and Scott Drenkard, Tax Foundation, Washington, DC.

#### UNITED STATES-KOREA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine the United States-Korea free trade agreement, focusing on lessons learned two years later, after receiving testimony from Stephen E. Biegun, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan; Sean P. Murphy, Qualcomm Incorporated, San Diego, California; Shawna Morris, U.S. Dairy Export Council and National Milk Producers Federation, Arlington, Virginia; and Michael Rue, Rue and Forsman Ranch, Inc., Rio Oso, California, on behalf of the USA Rice Federation.

#### P-5+1 NEGOTIATIONS WITH IRAN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Iran, focusing on the status of the P-5+1 negotiations with Iran, after receiving

testimony from Wendy Sherman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; David S. Cohen, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence; Olli Heinonen, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Michael Singh, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington, DC.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John Francis Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Donald L. Heflin, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde, Craig B. Allen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, Earl Robert Miller, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, and to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, Stafford Fitzgerald Haney, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, and Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. Res. 502, 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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 522, expressing the sense of the Senate supporting the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit to be held in Washington, D.C. from August 4 through 6, 2014;

S. Res. 513, honoring the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising;

S. Res. 520, condemning the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 and expressing condolences to the families of the victims; and

The nominations of Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, Jane D. Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco, Kevin F. O'Malley, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Ireland, James D. Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Brent Robert Hartley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, David Pressman, of New York, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, George Albert Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, Allan P. Mustard, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, Erica J. Barks Ruggles, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, John R. Bass, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, John Francis Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, and

Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, all of the Department of State.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Madeline Cox Arleo, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, who was introduced by Senator Menendez, Victor Allen Bolden, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, who was introduced by Senator Murphy, and David J. Hale, and Gregory N. Stivers, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, who were both introduced by Senator Paul, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported "The Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015".

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 26 public bills, H.R. 5229–5254; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 121 were introduced. **Pages H7039–40**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H7041–42**

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

H.R. 4299, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing (H. Rept. 113–565, Pt. 1) and

H. Res. 694, providing for consideration of the resolution (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; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R.

935) to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from August 1, 2014, through September 5, 2014 (H. Rept. 113–566). **Pages H7038–39**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Farenthold to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6979**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6986**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Jeff Parish, First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks, Largo, Florida. **Page H6986**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H6986, H7024**

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

***Amending the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act to provide a definition of recreational vessel for purposes of such Act:*** H.R. 3896, amended, to amend the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act to provide a definition of recreational vessel for purposes of such Act;

Pages H6995–97

***SAFE Act Confidentiality and Privilege Enhancement Act:*** H.R. 4626, to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators;

Pages H6997–98

***Examination and Supervisory Privilege Parity Act of 2014:*** H.R. 5062, amended, to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to specify that privilege is maintained when information is shared by certain nondepository covered persons with Federal and State financial regulators;

Pages H6998–H7002

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to specify that privilege and confidentiality are maintained when information is shared by certain nondepository covered persons with Federal and State financial regulators, and for other purposes.”.

Page H7002

***Reauthorizing the Defense Production Act:*** H.R. 4809, amended, to reauthorize the Defense Production Act and to improve the Defense Production Act Committee, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 386 yeas to 32 nays, Roll No. 464; and

Pages H7002–04, H7024

***Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act of 2014:*** H.R. 4709, amended, to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse.

Pages H7004–07

***21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act:*** The House passed H.R. 4315, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, by a recorded vote of 233 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 463.

Pages H7007–24

Rejected the Kirkpatrick motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 197 yeas to 225 nays, Roll No. 462.

Pages H7022–23

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–55 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 Natural Resources now printed in the bill.

Page H7015

Agreed to:

Hastings (WA) manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 113–563) that amends Section 2 of the bill to clarify extent of disclosure policy as it relates to State law and to Department of Defense classified information and

Pages H7016–17

Duffy amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 113–563) that requires disclosure of any Federal funding used by a person or a governmental or non-governmental entity in bringing a claim in a covered suit.

Pages H7019–20

Rejected: DeFazio amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–563) that sought to exclude scientific information published solely in internal Interior Department publications from the definition of “best available science” (by a recorded vote of 188 yeas to 227 nays, Roll No. 460) and

Pages H7017–18, H7020–21

Holt amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 113–563) that sought to strike a provision which automatically defines all data submitted by State, County or Tribal governments as the “best available science”, regardless of its merit (by a recorded vote of 204 yeas to 215 nays, Roll No. 461).

Pages H7018–19, H7021–22

H. Res. 693, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 225 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 459, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 224 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 458.

Pages H6989–95

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in memory of M. Caldwell Butler, former Member of Congress.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Lebanon that was declared in Executive Order 13441 of August 1, 2007, is to continue in effect beyond August 1, 2014—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–142).

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yeas-and-nays votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6994–95, H6995, H7020–21, H7021–22, H7023, H7023–24, H7024. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:44 p.m.



## Committee Meetings

### COORDINATING FUTURE INVESTMENTS IN BROADBAND

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock, Rural Development, and Credit held a hearing on coordinating future investments in broadband. Testimony was heard from John Padalino, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

### SECURITY SITUATION IN IRAQ AND SYRIA: U.S. POLICY OPTIONS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THE REGION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Security Situation in Iraq and Syria: U.S. Policy Options and Implications for the Region”. Testimony was heard from Duncan Hunter, Former Chairman, House Armed Services Committee; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 644, condemning and disapproving of the Obama administration’s failure to comply with the lawful statutory requirement to notify Congress before releasing individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and expressing national security concerns over the release of five Taliban leaders and the repercussions of negotiating with terrorists. The resolution was ordered reported, as amended.

### FERC PERSPECTIVES: QUESTIONS CONCERNING EPA’S PROPOSED CLEAN POWER PLAN AND OTHER GRID RELIABILITY CHALLENGES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “FERC Perspectives: Questions Concerning EPA’s Proposed Clean Power Plan and other Grid Reliability Challenges”. Testimony was heard from the following Federal Energy Regulatory Commission officials: Cheryl A. LaFleur, Acting Chairman; Philip D. Moeller, Commissioner; John R. Norris, Commissioner; Tony Clark, Commissioner; and Norman C. Bay, Commissioner.

### NANOTECHNOLOGY: UNDERSTANDING HOW SMALL SOLUTIONS DRIVE BIG INNOVATION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Nanotechnology: Understanding How Small Solutions Drive Big Innovation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee began a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 3522, the “Employee Health Care Protection Act”; H.R. 4701, the “Lyme and Tick-borne Diseases Act of 2014”; H.R. 4067, to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014; H.R. 5214, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide for recommendations for the development and use of clinical data registries for the improvement of patient care; H.R. 3670, the “Anti-Spoofing Act of 2013”; H.R. 5161, the “E-LABEL Act”; and H.R. 1575, the “Kelsey Smith Act”.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee began a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 5018, the “Federal Reserve Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014”; H.R. 4329, the “Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2014”; H.R. 3240, the “Regulation D Study Act”; H.R. 3913, to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 to require agencies to make considerations relating to the promotion of efficiency, competition, and capital formation before issuing or modifying certain regulations; H.R. 4042, the “Community Bank Mortgage Service Asset Capital Requirements Study Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5148, the “Access to Affordable Mortgages Act of 2014”. H.R. 3240 was ordered reported, without amendment.

### THE SHOOTDOWN OF MALAYSIAN FLIGHT 17 AND THE ESCALATING CRISIS IN UKRAINE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled “The Shootdown of Malaysian Flight 17 and the Escalating Crisis in Ukraine”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### IRAN NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS: FROM EXTENSION TO FINAL AGREEMENT?

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Iran Nuclear Negotiations: From Extension to Final Agreement?”. Testimony was heard from Wendy R. Sherman, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Department of State; and David S. Cohen, Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, Department of the Treasury.

**EXAMINING TSA'S MANAGEMENT OF THE SCREENING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled "Examining TSA's Management of the Screening Partnership Program". Testimony was heard from William Benner, Director, Screening Partnership Program, Office of Security Operations, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Jennifer A. Grover, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

**PROTECTING THE HOMELAND FROM NUCLEAR AND RADIOLOGICAL THREATS**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled "Protecting the Homeland from Nuclear and Radiological Threats". Testimony was heard from Huban Gowadia, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Department of Homeland Security; and David C. Trimble, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office.

**OVERSIGHT OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing on oversight of U.S. citizenship and immigration services. Testimony was heard from Leon Rodriguez, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 596, the "Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act of 2013"; H.R. 1363, the "Exploring for Geothermal Energy on Federal Lands Act"; and H.R. 2004, the "Geothermal Production Expansion Act of 2013". Testimony was heard from Michael Nedd, Assistant Director, Minerals and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Eric Fitzer, Senior Energy Programs Manager, Arizona Governor's Office of Energy Policy; and public witnesses.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 445, the "National Heritage Area Act of 2013"; H.R. 1785, the "Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area Act"; H.R. 4119, the "West Hunter Street Baptist Church Study Act"; H.R. 4901, the "Advancing Conservation and Education Act of 2014";

H.R. 4979, the "Red River Private Property Protection Act"; H.R. 5086, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; S. 311, the "Lower Mississippi River Area Study Act"; S. 476, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission; and S. 609, the "San Juan County Federal Land Conveyance Act". Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Thornberry, Reichert, Johnson of Georgia, Fortenberry, Clyburn, Mullin, Tonko, and Dent; Steve Ellis, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Vanessa P. Hickman, Land Commissioner, Arizona State Land Department, State of Arizona; Mary Abrams, Director, Department of State Lands, State of Oregon; Pat Canan, Captain Game Warden, Wichita Falls, TX; Stephanie Toothman, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Partnerships and Science, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 3608, the "Grand Portage Band Per Capita Adjustment Act"; H.R. 4534, the "Native American Children's Safety Act"; H.R. 5020, the "Indian Tribal Self-Determination in Land Consolidation Act of 2014"; H.R. 5049, the "Blackfoot River Land Exchange Act of 2014"; and H.R. 5050, the "May 31, 1918 Act Repeal Act". Testimony was heard from Larry Roberts, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Representative Simpson; and public witnesses.

**EXAMINING ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION AT THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled "Examining Allegations of Corruption at the Export-Import Bank". Testimony was heard from Fred P. Hochberg, Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States; and a public witness.

**EXAMINING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO CURB WASTEFUL STATE MEDICAID FINANCING SCHEMES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements held a hearing entitled "Examining the



Federal Government's Failure to Curb Wasteful State Medicaid Financing Schemes". Testimony was heard from Katherine M. Iritani, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; John Haag, Director of Medicaid Audits, Department of Health and Human Services; and Cindy Mann, Deputy Administrator and Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

#### **FEDERAL REAL PROPERTY: ELIMINATING WASTE AND MISMANAGEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY ASSETS**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled "Federal Real Property: Eliminating Waste and Mismanagement of Real Property Assets". Testimony was heard from David Mader, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget; Michael Gelber, Deputy Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; David J. Wise, Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, Government Accountability Office; and James M. Sullivan, Director, Office of Enterprise Office Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### **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; REDUCING REGULATORY BURDENS ACT OF 2013**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing 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; and H.R. 935, the "Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2013". The committee granted, by record vote of 7–4, a closed rule for H. Res. 676. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Rules now printed in the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides that the resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Additionally, the rule grants a closed rule for H.R. 935. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration

of the bill and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. In section 3, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from August 1, 2014, through September 5, 2014: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 4, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 3 of the resolution. In section 5, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 3 of the resolution shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 7 of the War Powers resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546). In section 6, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 3 of the resolution shall not constitute a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII (resolutions of inquiry).

#### **REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS REDUCTION PROGRAM**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled "Review of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program". Testimony was heard from John R. Hayes, Jr., Director, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Pramod P. Khargonekar, Assistant Director, Directorate of Engineering, National Science Foundation; David Applegate, Associate Director for Natural Hazards, U.S. Geological Survey; Roy E. Wright, Deputy Associate Administrator for Mitigation, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Jonathon Monken, Director and Homeland Security Advisor, Illinois Emergency Management Agency; and public witnesses.

#### **WHAT WORKERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY AS THEY PLAN FOR RETIREMENT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on what workers need to know about Social Security as they plan for retirement. Testimony was heard from Charles P. Blahous III, Public Trustee, Social Security and Medicare Boards of Trustees; and public witnesses.

#### **ADVANCING THE U.S. TRADE AGENDA: TRADE WITH AFRICA AND THE AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on advancing the U.S. trade agenda: trade with Africa and the African Growth

and Opportunity Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### INCREASING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine increasing economic opportunity for African Americans, focusing on local initiatives that are making a difference, after receiving testimony from Angela Glover Blackwell, PolicyLink, Oakland, California; Eva Moskowitz, Success Academy Charter Schools, New York, New York; Bill Bynum, Hope Enterprise Corporation/Hope Federal Credit Union, Jackson, Mississippi; and Aparna Mathur, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC.

### VETERANS' ACCESS TO CARE THROUGH CHOICE, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3230, to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D860)

H.R. 255, to amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–129)

H.R. 272, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense joint outpatient clinic to be constructed in Marina, California, as the “Major General William H. Gourley VA–DOD Outpatient Clinic”. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–130)

H.R. 291, to provide for the conveyance of certain cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–131)

H.R. 330, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–132)

H.R. 356, to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled “An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah”. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–133)

H.R. 507, to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–134)

H.R. 697, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–135)

H.R. 876, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church–River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway–Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–136)

H.R. 1158, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–137)

H.R. 1216, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Vet Center in Prescott, Arizona, as the “Dr. Cameron McKinley Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Center”. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–138)

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”. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–139)

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”. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–140)

H.R. 2337, to provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–141)

H.R. 3110, to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–142)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to receive a closed briefing on the situation in Ukraine, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community

Development, to hold hearings to examine flood insurance claims process in communities after Sandy, focusing on lessons learned and potential improvements, 9:45 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine wireless phone bills, focusing on a review of consumer protection practices and gaps, 2:45 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 1049 and H.R. 2166, bills to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal lands under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, S. 1437, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed in 1954 by the United States, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to the State of Oregon for the establishment of the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center of Oregon State University in Hermiston, Oregon, S. 1554, to direct the heads of Federal public land management agencies to prepare reports on the availability of public access and egress to Federal public land for hunting, fishing, and other recreational purposes, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide funding for recreational public access to Federal land, S. 1605, for the relief of Michael G. Faber, S. 1640, to facilitate planning, permitting, administration, implementation, and monitoring of pinyon-juniper dominated landscape restoration projects within Lincoln County, Nevada, S. 1888 and H.R. 1241, bills to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, S. 2123, to authorize the exchange of certain Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Minnesota, S. 2616, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Idaho County in the State of Idaho, H.R. 1684, to convey certain property to the State of Wyoming to consolidate the historic Ranch A, and H.R. 3008, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in Los Padres National Forest in California, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider S. 1463, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, the nominations of Jane Toshiko Nishida, of Maryland, and Ann Elizabeth Dunkin, of California, both to be an Assistant Administrator, and Manuel H. Ehrlich, Jr., of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, Corps of Engineers Study Resolution relating to San Francisco Bay to Stockton Navigation Channels, California, and General Services Administration resolutions, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine “The African Growth and Opportunity Act” at 14, focusing on

the road ahead; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider the nominations of Robert W. Holleyman II, of Louisiana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, D. Nathan Sheets, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary, and Ramin Toloui, of Iowa, to be Deputy Under Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, Maria Cancian, of Wisconsin, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Family Support, and Cary Douglas Pugh, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, 2 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine paid family leave, focusing on the benefits for businesses and working families, 10:15 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider H.R. 4007, to recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program, S. 1618, to enhance the Office of Personnel Management background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of employees and contractors of the Federal Government, S. 1347, to provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government sponsored conferences, S. 1396, to authorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency to award mitigation financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfire, S. 2640, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, S. 2547, to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, S. 2323, to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service, S. 2664, Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Authorization Act of 2014, S. 2651, DHS OIG Mandates Revision Act of 2014, H.R. 4197, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the period of certain authority with respect to judicial review of Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers, S. 2665, Emergency Information Improvement Act of 2014, S. 1898, to require adequate information regarding the tax treatment of payments under settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies, S. 2247, to prohibit the awarding of a contract or grant in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold unless the prospective contractor or grantee certifies in writing to the agency awarding the contract or grant that the contractor or grantee has no seriously delinquent tax debts, H.R. 606, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the “Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building”, H.R. 1671, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6937 Village Parkway in Dublin, California, as the “James ‘Jim’ Kohnen Post Office”, H.R. 2291, to

designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, as the “Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office”, H.R. 3472, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the “Sergeant Brett E. Gorniewicz Memorial Post Office”, H.R. 3765, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the “Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building”, and the nominations of Joseph L. Nimmich, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, Anne E. Rung, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, and James C. Miller, III, of Virginia, Stephen Crawford, of Maryland, David Michael Bennett, of North Carolina, and Victoria Reggie Kennedy, of Massachusetts, all to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*: business meeting to consider 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, 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, S. 2442, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land and mineral rights on the reservation of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana and other culturally important land into trust for the benefit of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, S. 2465, to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico, S. 2479, to provide for a land conveyance in the State of Nevada, S. 2480, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes, and H.R. 4002, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine responses to natural disasters in Indian country, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: to hold hearings to examine the next steps for the “Violence Against Women Act” (VAWA), focusing on protecting women from gun violence, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine pricing policies and competition in the contact lens industry, 2:15 p.m., SD-226.

*Special Committee on Aging*: to hold hearings to examine the impact of Medicare observation status on seniors, 2:15 p.m., SR-418.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Horticulture, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review the impact of enforcement activities by the Department of Labor on specialty crop growers, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Risks to Stability in Afghanistan: Politics, Security, and International Commitment”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled “Logistics and Sealift Force Requirements and Force Structure Assessment”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 3522, the “Employee Health Care Protection Act”; H.R. 4701, the “Lyme and Tick-borne Diseases Act of 2014”; H.R. 4067, to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014; H.R. 5214, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide for recommendations for the development and use of clinical data registries for the improvement of patient care; H.R. 3670, the “Anti-Spoofing Act of 2013”; H.R. 5161, the “E-LABEL Act”; and H.R. 1575, the “Kelsey Smith Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 5018, the “Federal Reserve Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014”; H.R. 4329, the “Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2014”; H.R. 3913, to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 to require agencies to make considerations relating to the promotion of efficiency, competition, and capital formation before issuing or modifying certain regulations; H.R. 4042, the “Community Bank Mortgage Service Asset Capital Requirements Study Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5148, the “Access to Affordable Mortgages Act of 2014”, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Allegations of Discrimination and Retaliation and the CFPB Management Culture”, 3:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 3398, the “Girls Count Act of 2014”; H.R. 5041, the “Naftali Fraenkel Rewards for Justice Act of 2014”; H.R. 5206, to allow Foreign Service and other executive agency employees to designate beneficiaries of their death benefits; the “Emergency Iron Dome Replenishment Act”; H. Res. 281, expressing concern over persistent and credible reports of systematic, state-sanctioned organ harvesting from non-consenting prisoners of conscience, in the People’s Republic of China, including from large numbers of Falun Gong practitioners imprisoned for their religious beliefs, and members of other religious and ethnic minority groups; and H. Res. 683, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the current situation in Iraq and the urgent need to protect religious minorities from persecution from the Sunni Islamist insurgent and terrorist group the Islamic State in Iraq and Levant (ISIL) as it expands its control over areas in northwestern Iraq, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Building Prosperity in Latin America: Investor Confidence in the Rule of Law”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “Twenty-Years of U.S. Policy on North Korea: From Agreed Framework to Strategic Patience”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The IRS Targeting Scandal: The Need for a Special Counsel”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on The Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing on oversight of the False Claims Act, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, hearing entitled “The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: The America Invents Act and Beyond, Domestic and International Policy Goals”, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H. J. Res. 120, approving the location of a memorial to commemorate the more than 5,000 slaves and free Black persons who fought for independence in the American Revolution; H.R. 361, the “Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act”; H.R. 3006, to authorize a land exchange involving the acquisition of private land adjacent to the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona for inclusion in the refuge in exchange for certain Bureau of Land Management lands in Riverside County, California, and for other purposes; H.R. 3109, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts, and for other purposes; H.R. 4119, the “West Hunter Street Baptist Church Study Act”; H.R. 4182, to provide that the Ozark National Scenic Riverways shall be administered in accordance with the general management plan for that unit of the National Park System, and for other

purposes; H.R. 4867, the “Economic Development Through Tribal Land Exchange Act”; H.R. 5026, the “Fish Hatchery Protection Act”; H.R. 5069, the “Federal Duck Stamp Act of 2014”; H.R. 5203, the “Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission Reform Act”; H.R. 5204, the “Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Modernization Act of 2014”; H.R. 5205, the “Northern Nevada Land Conservation and Economic Development Act”; S. 311, the “Lower Mississippi River Area Study Act”; S. 354, the “Oregon Caves Revitalization Act of 2013”; S. 476, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission; and S. 1603, the “Gun Lake Trust Land Reaffirmation Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “IRS Abuses: Ensuring that Targeting Never Happens Again”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “EPA’s Carbon Plan: Failure by Design”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Regulatory Overreach: Is EPA Meeting Its Small Business Obligations?”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “GSA Tenant Agencies: Challenges and Opportunities in Reducing Costs of Leased Space”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on dynamic analysis of the Tax Reform Act of 2014, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on subsidized jobs programs and their effectiveness in helping families escape poverty, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 30

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will resume consideration of S. 2569, Bring Jobs Home Act.

At 10:45 a.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 2569, Bring Jobs Home Act. If cloture is not invoked on S. 2569, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 2648, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, and on confirmation of the nominations of Cynthia H. Akuetteh, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, Erika Lizabeth Moritsugu, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Richard A. Kennedy, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring May 30, 2016.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 30

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of 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 (Subject to a Rule).

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