

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5595–S5650

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2812–2832, and S. Res. 546–550. **Pages S5628–29**

Measures Reported:

S. 2061, to prevent conflicts of interest relating to contractors providing background investigation fieldwork services and investigative support services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–257)

S. 1898, to require adequate information regarding the tax treatment of payments under settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2651, to repeal certain mandates of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5627**

Measures Passed:

Traumatic Brain Injury Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 2539, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to traumatic brain injury and to trauma research, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5643**

All-American Flag Act: Senate passed S. 1214, to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government. **Pages S5643–44**

Government Reports Elimination Act: Senate passed H.R. 4194, to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5644–47**

Heitkamp (for Carper) Amendment No. 3820, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5647**

Smart Savings Act: Senate passed S. 2117, to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan,

after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5647**

Heitkamp (for Warren) Amendment No. 3821, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5647**

Employee Retirement Income Security Act: Senate passed S. 2511, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify the definition of substantial cessation of operations, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5647–49**

BLM Permit Processing Improvement Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. 2440, to expand and extend the program to improve permit coordination by the Bureau of Land Management, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5649**

Heitkamp (for Udall (NM)) Amendment No. 3822, to clarify the uses of the BLM Permit Processing Improvement Fund. **Page S5649**

Veterans Service Organizations: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 506, recognizing the patriotism and contributions of auxiliaries of veterans service organizations, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S5649–50**

National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 547, designating the week beginning September 14, 2014, as National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week. **Page S5650**

Small Business Saturday: Senate agreed to S. Res. 548, designating November 29, 2014, as "Small Business Saturday" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small businesses. **Page S5650**

Day of the Deployed: Senate agreed to S. Res. 549, designating October 26, 2014, as Day of the Deployed. **Page S5650**

200th Anniversary of "The Star-Spangled Banner": Senate agreed to S. Res. 550, commemorating the 200th anniversary of "The Star-Spangled Banner". **Page S5650**

Measures Considered:

Federal Student Loans: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2432, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans.

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Appointments:

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–286, reappointed the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Senator Kay R. Hagan of North Carolina vice The Honorable Max Baucus of Montana.

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Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 12 noon, on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of John R. Bass, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Eric T. Schultz, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, Thomas Frederick Daughton, of Arizona, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, 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, Debra S. Wada, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Laura S. Wertheimer, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and Bradford Raymond Huther, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development; 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.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 56 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 265), Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2015. **Pages S5606, S5650**

By 60 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 266), Stephen G. Burns, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2019. **Pages S5606–07, S5650**

Linda A. Schwartz, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning). **Pages S5607, S5650**

Matthew T. Harrington, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho.

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Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala.

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Jane D. Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the French Republic. **Pages S5607, S5650**

Jane D. Hartley, of New York, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco.

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Nina Hachigian, of California, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador. **Pages S5607–08, S5650**

Gordon O. Tanner, of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—266) **Pages S5606–07**

Recess: Senate convened at 10:02 a.m. and recessed at 6:04 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 17, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5650.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EBOLA IN WEST AFRICA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a joint hearing with the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions to examine Ebola in West Africa, focusing on a global challenge and public health threat, after receiving testimony from Beth Bell, Director, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, and Robin A. Robinson, Deputy Assistant Secretary and BARDA Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; Ishmeal Alfred Charles, Healey International Relief Foundation, Freetown, Sierra Leone; and Kent Brantly, Fort Worth, Texas.

U.S. POLICY TOWARDS IRAQ AND SYRIA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy towards Iraq and Syria and the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), after receiving testimony from Charles T. Hagel, Secretary, and General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 2,458 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

SMALL DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of small depository institutions, including S. 635, to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement, S. 727, to improve the examination of depository institutions, S. 1349, to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, S. 1577, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction, S. 1806, to amend the Federal Home Loan Bank Act with respect to membership eligibility of certain institutions, S. 2732, to increase from \$10,000,000,000 to \$50,000,000,000 the threshold figure at which regulated depository institutions are

subject to direct examination and reporting requirements of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, S. 2698, to provide regulatory easement for lending institutions that enable a vibrant economy, S. 2270, to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, S. 1916 and H.R. 2672, bills to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to provide for an application process for interested parties to apply for a county to be designated as a rural area, and H.R. 2673, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide that residential mortgage loans held on portfolio qualify as qualified mortgages for purposes of the presumption of the ability to repay requirements under such Act, after receiving testimony from Doreen R. Eberley, Director, Division of Risk Management Supervision, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Toney Bland, Senior Deputy Comptroller for Midsize and Community Bank Supervision, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; Maryann F. Hunter, Deputy Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Larry Fazio, Director, Office of Examination and Insurance, National Credit Union Administration; Charles A. Vice, Kentucky Department of Financial Institutions Commissioner of Financial Institutions, Frankfort, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors; Jeff Plagge, Northwest Financial Corp, Arnolds Park, Iowa, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; John Buhrmaster, First National Bank of Scotia, Scotia, New York, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; Dennis Pierce, CommunityAmerica Credit Union, Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the Credit Union National Association; Linda McFadden, XCEL Federal Credit Union, Bloomfield, New Jersey, on behalf of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions; and Marcus M. Stanley, Americans for Financial Reform, and Michael D. Calhoun, Center for Responsible Lending, both of Washington, DC.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded an oversight hearing to examine oversight of and policy considerations for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, after receiving testimony from David Friedman, Deputy Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and Joseph W. Come, Deputy Principal Assistant Inspector General for Auditing and Evaluation, both of the Department of

Transportation; Jacqueline S. Gillan, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, and Rob Strassburger, Vehicle Safety and Harmonization, both of Washington, DC; and Kendell Poole, Governors Highway Safety Association, Nashville, Tennessee.

RETIREMENT SAVINGS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine retirement savings 2.0, focusing on updating savings policy for the modern economy, after receiving testimony from John C. Bogle, Bogle Financial Markets Research Center, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; Brian Reid, Investment Company Institute, and Andrew G. Biggs, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, DC; Scott F. Betts, National Benefits Services, LLC, West Jordan, Utah; and Brigitte Madrian, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care concluded a hearing to examine the Children's Health Insurance Program, focusing on protecting America's children and families, after receiving testimony from Bruce Lesley, First Focus, and Doug Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, both of Washington, DC; Cathy Caldwell, Alabama Children's Health Insurance Program Director, Montgomery; and James M. Perrin, American Academy of Pediatrics, Elk Grove Village, Illinois.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 5475–5499; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 125; and H. Res. 726, 728 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 727, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2) to remove Federal Government obstacles to the production of more domestic energy; to ensure transport of that energy reliably to businesses, consumers, and other end users; to lower the cost of energy to consumers; to enable manufacturers and other businesses to access domestically produced energy affordably and reliably in order to create and sustain more secure and well-paying American jobs; and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4) to make revisions to Federal law to improve the conditions necessary for economic growth and job creation, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from September 22, 2014, through November 11, 2014 (H. Rept. 113–601);

H.R. 24, to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–602, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 5169, to amend title 5, United States Code, to enhance accountability within the Senior Executive Service, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–603).

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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 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated yesterday, September 15th:

Emergency Medical Services for Children Reauthorization Act of 2014: S. 2154, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 410 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 500;

Pages H7549–50

Promoting Job Creation and Reducing Small Business Burdens Act: H.R. 5405, amended, to make technical corrections to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, to enhance the ability of small and emerging growth companies to access capital through public and private markets, and to reduce regulatory burden, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 320 yeas to 102 nays, Roll No. 501;

Pages H7576–77

Clarifying the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: H.R. 5461, to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 327 yeas to 97 nays, Roll No. 502; and **Page H7577**

Gun Lake Trust Land Reaffirmation Act: S. 1603, to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 359 yeas to 64 nays, Roll No. 503.

Pages H7577–78

Making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015: The House began consideration of H.J. Res. 124, to make continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, September 17th.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–600 shall be considered as adopted.

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Proceedings Postponed:

Began consideration of the McKeon amendment (printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–600) that seeks to authorize the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to train and equip appropriately vetted elements of the Syrian opposition and other appropriately vetted Syrian groups or individuals. Additionally, the amendment would strengthen Congressional oversight by requiring detailed reports, including progress reports, on the plan, vetting process, and procedures for monitoring unauthorized end-use of provided training and equipment. It would also require the President to report on how this authority fits within a larger regional strategy. The amendment would allow the Department of Defense (DOD) to submit a reprogramming request to Congress should the President request DOD funds to execute this authority and permit the Secretary of Defense to accept foreign contributions. Lastly, the amendment would state that nothing in this section be construed to constitute a specific statutory authorization for the introduction of United States Armed Forces into hostilities or into situations wherein hostilities are clearly indicated by the circumstances. Consideration of the amendment is expected to resume tomorrow, September 17th.

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H. Res. 722, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 221 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 499,

after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 224 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 498.

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

Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2014: H.R. 5404, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

Pages H7578–81

VA Construction Assistance Act: H.R. 3593, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the construction of major medical facilities;

Pages H7581–85

Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Care Improvement Act of 2014: H.R. 4276, amended, to extend and modify a pilot program on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury;

Pages H7585–87

Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2014: S. 2258, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2014, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans;

Pages H7587–88

Senior Executive Service Accountability Act: H.R. 5169, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to enhance accountability within the Senior Executive Service;

Pages H7591–94

Federal Records Accountability Act of 2014: H.R. 5170, amended, to improve Federal employee compliance with the Federal and Presidential record-keeping requirements;

Pages H7594–98

Prohibiting officers and employees of the Internal Revenue Service from using personal email accounts to conduct official business: H.R. 5418, to prohibit officers and employees of the Internal Revenue Service from using personal email accounts to conduct official business;

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Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations: H.R. 5419, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations;

Pages H7598–99

Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the release of information regarding the status of certain investigations: H.R. 5420, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit

the release of information regarding the status of certain investigations; **Page H7599**

Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act: H.R. 3043, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes; **Pages H7599–H7603**

Preserving Welfare for Needs Not Weed Act: H.R. 4137, to prohibit assistance provided under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families from being accessed through the use of an electronic benefit transfer card at any store that offers marijuana for sale; and **Pages H7603–05**

Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014: H.R. 4994, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for standardized post-acute care assessment data for quality, payment, and discharge planning. **Pages H7605–12**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Federal Reserve Transparency Act: H.R. 24, amended, to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States and **Pages H7588–91**

Amending title 49, United States Code, to provide for limitations on the fees charged to passengers of air carriers: H.R. 5462, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for limitations on the fees charged to passengers of air carriers. **Pages H7612–13**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7541.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7548–49, H7549, H7549–50, H7576, H7577, H7577–78. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AMERICAN ENERGY SOLUTIONS FOR LOWER COSTS AND MORE AMERICAN JOBS ACT; JOBS FOR AMERICA ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2, the “American Energy Solutions for Lower Costs and More American Jobs Act”; and H.R. 4, the “Jobs for America Act”. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a closed rule for H.R. 2. The

rule provides two hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Additionally, the rule granted a closed rule for H.R. 4. The rule provides two hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill 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 September 22, 2014, through November 11, 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 shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution. 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). Testimony was heard from the following: Chairman Hastings of Washington, Chairman Camp, and Representatives Polis and Schakowsky.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine the impact of rising inequality on the American economy, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 2338, to reauthorize the

United States Anti-Doping Agency, S. 2482, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, S. 2484, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, S. 2485, to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted at Lisbon on September 28, 2007, S. 2581, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, S. 2583, to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, S. 2759, to release the City of St. Clair, Missouri, from all restrictions, conditions, and limitations on the use, encumbrance, conveyance, and closure of the St. Clair Regional Airport, S. 2777, to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, S. 2799, to extend the authority of satellite carriers to retransmit certain television broadcast station signals, and the nominations of Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Manson K. Brown, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine reforming America's outdated energy tax code, 10:15 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert Francis Cekuta, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Richard M. Mills, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Jess Lippincott Bailly, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, and Margaret Ann Uyebara, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Montenegro, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the United States strategy to defeat the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 2141, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of non-prescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes, H.R. 4366, to strengthen the Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement, the nomination of Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Russell C. Deyo, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary for Management, both of the Department of Homeland Security, and Mickey D. Barnett, of New Mexico, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 2670, to prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian land in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts, 2:15 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Allison Dale Burroughs, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Jeanne E. Davidson, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, Haywood Stirling Gilliam, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Amit Priyavadan Mehta, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine why net neutrality matters, focusing on protecting consumers and competition through meaningful open Internet rules, 10:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Rules and Administration: business meeting to consider S. 2017, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote, S. 85, to provide incentives for States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at the polls and to simplify voter registration, and nominations of Matthew Vincent Masterson, of Ohio, and Christy A. McCormick, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing to review the implementation of Section 4022 of the Agricultural Act of 2014: pilot projects to reduce dependency and increase work requirements and work effort under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 4959, the "EEOC Transparency and Accountability Act"; H.R. 5422, the "Litigation Oversight Act of 2014"; and H.R. 5423, the "Certainty in Enforcement Act of 2014", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "A hearing on H.R. 4526, the 21st Century Energy Workforce Development Jobs Initiative Act of 2014", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Oversight of FCC Budget and Management", 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Cross Border Data Flows: Could Foreign Protectionism Hurt U.S. Jobs?", 1:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Financial Stability Oversight Council", 10:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "Global Efforts to Fight Ebola", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, markup on H. Res. 714, reaffirming the peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and jurisdictional disputes in the South China Sea and the East China Sea as provided for by universally recognized principles of international law, and reaffirming the strong support of the United States Government for freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and airspace in the Asia-Pacific region, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “A New Era of U.S.-China Relations?”, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Worldwide Threats to the Homeland”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing on Chapter 12 of Title 17, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5233, the “Trade Secrets Protection Act of 2014”, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 5066, the “Data Preservation Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5176, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Tiversa, Inc.: White Knight or Hi-Tech Protection Racket?”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup the following legislation: H.R. 5142, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 West Jackson Street in Rich Square, North Carolina, as the “Chief Joseph E. White, Jr. Post Office Building”; H.R. 5331, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73839 Gorgonio Drive in Twentynine Palms, California, as the “Colonel M.J. ‘Mac’ Dube, USMC Post Office Building”; H.R. 5386, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11662 Gravois Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office”; a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1103 USPS Building 1103 in Camp Pendleton, California, as the “Camp Pendleton Medal of Honor Post Office”; H.R. 5229, the “Wounded

Warriors Federal Leave Act of 2014”; and the “Inspector General Empowerment Act of 2014”, 12 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “The IRS Targeting Scandal: Changing Stories of Missing E-mails”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, Members’ Day hearing on proposed rules changes for the 114th Congress, 11 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

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Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Scheduling Manipulation and Veteran Deaths in Phoenix: Examination of the OIG’s Final Report”, 12 p.m., 334 Cannon.

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10 a.m., Wednesday, September 17

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Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 noon), Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of John R. Bass, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Eric T. Schultz, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, Thomas Frederick Daughton, of Arizona, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, 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 Rep-

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, Debra S. Wada, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Laura S. Wertheimer, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and Bradford Raymond Huther, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and vote on confirmation of the nominations.

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