

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed H.J. Res. 124, Making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and twelve resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2833–2850, S.J. Res. 44, S. Res. 551–560, and S. Con. Res. 43.

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Measures Reported:

S. 2141, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2583, to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

S. 2799, to extend the authority of satellite carriers to retransmit certain television broadcast station signals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

DHS OIG Mandates Revision Act: Senate passed S. 2651, to repeal certain mandates of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Sunscreen Innovation Act: Senate passed S. 2141, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial: Senate passed H.R. 4751, to make technical corrections to Public Law 110–229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial.

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The Defense Production Act: Senate passed H.R. 4809, to reauthorize the Defense Production Act, to improve the Defense Production Act Committee.

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Hispanic Heritage Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 545, recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Bison Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 543, designating November 1, 2014, as National Bison Day, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Lights on Afterschool: Senate agreed to S. Res. 552, supporting Lights on Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs held on October 23, 2014.

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250th Anniversary of the Hartford Courant Newspaper: Senate agreed to S. Res. 553, recognizing the 250th anniversary of the Hartford Courant newspaper.

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National Principals Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 554, recognizing the month of October 2014 as “National Principals Month”.

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National Health Information Technology Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 555, designating the week of September 15 through September 19, 2014, as “National Health Information Technology Week” to recognize the value of health information technology in transforming and improving the health care system for all individuals in the United States.

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National Wildlife Refuge Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 556, designating the week beginning on October 12, 2014, as National Wildlife Refuge Week.

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National Character Counts Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 557, designating the week beginning October 19, 2014, as "National Character Counts Week".

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National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 558, designating the week of September 22 through 28, 2014, as "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week".

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National Chemistry Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 559, designating the week beginning on October 19, 2014, as "National Chemistry Week".

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School Bus Safety Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 560, designating September 2014 as "School Bus Safety Month".

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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 with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism that was established in Executive Order 13224 on September 23, 2001; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-53)

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Extradition Treaty with the Republic of Chile (Treaty Doc. No. 113-6).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION—AGREEMENT:

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 1:00 p.m., on Thursday, September 18, 2014, Senate begin consideration of H.J. Res. 124, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015; that following the reporting of the joint resolution, the Majority Leader be recognized; that there be up to four and a half hours equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, there be no other motions or points of order in order to the joint resolution, other than a Sessions, or designee, motion to table or a budget point of order, and the applicable motion to waive; that Senator Sessions, or designee, be recognized for a motion to table an amendment to the joint resolution; that if the motion to table is agreed to, the Majority Leader be recognized; that if the motion to table is not agreed to, and notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the joint resolution; that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be considered expired, the pending amendments be withdrawn, the joint resolution be read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution.

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Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following the vote on H.J. Res. 124, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Mark William Lippert, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Adam M. Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador, Kevin F. O'Malley, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Ireland, Bathsheba Nell Crocker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs), Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, Robert W. Holleyman II, of Louisiana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Eric Rosenbach, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, D. Nathan Sheets, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury, Charles H. Fulghum, of North Carolina, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security; 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 a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 267), John R. Bass, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey.

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Eric T. Schultz, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia.

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Thomas Frederick Daughton, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia.

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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.

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David Pressman, of New York, 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.

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Debra S. Wada, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

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Laura S. Wertheimer, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

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Bradford Raymond Huther, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

11 Army nominations in the rank of general.

7 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—267)	Pages S5661–62
Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:55 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5721.)	

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Lisa Afua Serwah Mensah, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

AMERICAN ECONOMY INEQUALITY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine the impact of rising inequality on the American economy, after receiving testimony from Heather C. McGhee, Demos, New York, New York; Amir Sufi, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Chicago, Illinois; Claudia Viek, California Association for Micro Enterprise Opportunity (CAMEO), San Francisco; and Adam S. Hersch, Center for American Progress, Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2799, to extend the authority of satellite carriers to retransmit certain television broadcast station signals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; 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.

AMERICA'S ENERGY TAX CODE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reforming America's outdated energy tax code, after receiving testimony from former Senator Don Nickles, The Nickles Group, LLC, Ethan Zindler, Bloomberg New Energy Finance, and David W. Kreutzer, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, DC; Gilbert E. Metcalf, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts; and Norman R. Augustine, Bethesda, Maryland.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing 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 Uyehara, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Montenegro, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

U.S. STRATEGY FOR ISIL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States strategy to defeat the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, after receiving testimony from John F. Kerry, Secretary of State; and Robert S. Ford, Middle East Institute, and Ben Connable, RAND Corporation, both of Washington, DC.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2141, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

KEEP THE PROMISE ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2670, to prohibit gaming ac-

tivities on certain Indian land in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts, after receiving testimony from Kevin K. Washburn, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Mayor Jerry Weiers, and Gary Sherwood, Councilman, both of Glendale, Arizona; Allison C. Binney, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld LLP, Washington, DC; Gregory Mendoza, Gila River Indian Community, Sacaton, Arizona; and Ned Norris, Jr., The Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona, Sells.

NET NEUTRALITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine why net neutrality matters, focusing on protecting consumers and competition through meaningful open Internet rules, including S. 2476, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic, after receiving testimony from Bradford Burnham, Union Square Ventures, LLC, New York, New York; Robert M. McDowell, Wiley Rein, LLP, Jeffrey A. Eisenach, American Enterprise Institute, and Nuala O'Connor, Center for Democracy and Technology, all of Washington, DC; and Ruth Livier, Pacific Palisades, California.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Allison Dale Burroughs, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, who was introduced by Senator Warren, Jeanne E. Davidson, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and Haywood Stirling Gilliam, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, who were both introduced by Senator Feinstein, and Amit Priyavadan Mehta, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Representative Norton, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 5500–5524; 5 resolutions, H. Res. 729–733 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jolly to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Joseph Holcomb, St. Andrew Avellino Catholic Church, Flushing, New York.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H7626, H7662**

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity—Appointment: The Chair clarified that pursuant to section 106(b)(5)(B) of the Higher Education Opportunity Act, the Speaker's appointments of May 25, 2010, and December 22, 2010, of individuals on the part of the House to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity expired on May 25, 2014. Subsequently, the Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity for a term of six years: Upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader: Arthur E. Keiser of Fort Lauderdale, FL; William Pepicello of Scottsdale, AZ; and Arthur J. Rothkopf of Washington, DC. **Page H7630**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure:

Strongly supporting the right of the people of Ukraine to freely determine their future, including their country's relationship with other nations and international organizations, without interference, intimidation, or coercion by other countries: H. Res. 726, to strongly support the right of the people of Ukraine to freely determine their future, including their country's relationship with other nations and international organizations, without interference, intimidation, or coercion by other countries. **Pages H7630–35**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated yesterday, September 16th:

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 333 yeas to 92 nays, Roll No. 504 and **Page H7635**

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 505. **Pages H7635–36**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on September 15th:

Amending the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission: S. 476, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 506. **Pages H7636–37**

Making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015: The House agreed to H.J. Res. 124, to make continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, by a recorded vote of 319 yeas to 108 nays, Roll No. 509. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, September 16th. **Pages H7637–62**

Rejected the Bustos motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 199 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 508. **Pages H7660–62**

Agreed to:

McKeon amendment (printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–600) that authorizes 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 strengthens 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 also requires the President to report on how this authority fits within a larger regional strategy. The amendment allows the Department of Defense (DOD) to submit a reprogramming request to Congress should the President request DOD funds to execute this authority and permits the Secretary of Defense to accept foreign contributions. Lastly, the amendment states 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 (by a yeas-and-nays vote of 273 yeas to 156 nays, Roll No. 507). Consideration of the amendment began yesterday, September 16th. **Pages H7637–60**

H. Res. 722, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution, was agreed to yesterday, September 16th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, September 18th. **Page H7662**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001 is to continue in effect beyond September 23, 2014—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–155).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7624.

Senate Referrals: S. 1214 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; S. 2539, S. 2117, S. 2511, and S. 2440 were held at the desk.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Polis presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 678, a resolution providing for the consideration of the bill (S. 815) to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (Discharge Petition No. 11).

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7635, H7635–36, H7636–37, H7660, H7661–62, H7662. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 4022 OF THE AGRICULTURAL ACT OF 2014

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a 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. Testimony was heard from Tom Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a 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”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “A hearing on H.R. 4526, the 21st Century Energy Work-

force Development Jobs Initiative Act of 2014”. Testimony was heard from LaDoris “Dot” Harris, Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF FCC BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Oversight of FCC Budget and Management”. Testimony was heard from Jon Wilkins, Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission; and David Hunt, Inspector General, Federal Communications Commission.

CROSS BORDER DATA FLOWS: COULD FOREIGN PROTECTIONISM HURT U.S. JOBS?

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Cross Border Data Flows: Could Foreign Protectionism Hurt U.S. Jobs?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Financial Stability Oversight Council”. Testimony was heard from Patrick Pinschmidt, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Financial Stability Oversight Council; and A. Nicole Clowers, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

GLOBAL EFFORTS TO FIGHT EBOLA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Global Efforts to Fight Ebola”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Health and Human Services officials: Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health; Luciana Borio, Director, Office of Counterterrorism and Emerging Threats, Office of the Chief Scientist, Food and Drug Administration; and Beth P. Bell, Director, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Nancy Lindborg, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a 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. H. Res. 714 was forwarded to the Full Committee, without amendment.

A NEW ERA OF U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “A New Era of U.S.-China Relations?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WORLDWIDE THREATS TO THE HOMELAND

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Worldwide Threats to the Homeland”. Testimony was heard from Jeh Johnson, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; James B. Comey, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Matthew G. Olsen, Director, National Counterterrorism Center.

CHAPTER 12 OF TITLE 17

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing on Chapter 12 of Title 17. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5233, the “Trade Secrets Protection Act of 2014”. H.R. 5233 was ordered reported, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a 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. Testimony was heard from Michael Nedd, Assistant Director, Energy, Minerals, and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup on the following legisla-

tion: 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”; H.R. 5468, 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 H.R. 5492, the “Inspector General Empowerment Act of 2014”. H.R. 5492 was ordered reported, as amended. The following legislation was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 5229, H.R. 5468, H.R. 5142, H.R. 5331, and H.R. 5386.

**THE IRS TARGETING SCANDAL:
CHANGING STORIES OF MISSING E-MAILS**

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “The IRS Targeting Scandal: Changing Stories of Missing E-mails”. Testimony was heard from John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

**MEMBERS’ DAY ON PROPOSED RULES
CHANGES FOR THE 114TH CONGRESS**

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a Members’ Day hearing on proposed rules changes for the 114th Congress. Testimony was heard from the following: Chairman Goodlatte and Representatives Scalise, Young of Alaska, Lummis, McClintock, Amash, Griffith of Virginia, Stivers, Woodall, Cooper, Norton, Larson of Connecticut, Honda, Speier, Cicilline, and Swalwell of California.

**THE ADMINISTRATION’S CLIMATE PLAN:
FAILURE BY DESIGN**

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Administration’s Climate Plan: Failure by Design”. Testimony was heard from John Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President; and Janet McCabe, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ISSUE SUBPOENAS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Oversight held a meeting on a resolution authorizing the Chairman to issue subpoenas. The subcommittee approved the resolution.

IS THE FCC RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF SMALL BUSINESS AND RURAL AMERICA?

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Is the FCC Responding to the Needs of Small Business and Rural America?”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Wheeler, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; H.R. 5449, the “Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2014”; H.R. 5146, to designate the United States courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the “Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse”; H.R. 5448, the “John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2014”; H.R. 5266, to reauthorize the National Estuary Programs, and for other purposes; H.R. 4926, to designate the “James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway” and the “James L. Oberstar National Scenic Byway” in the State of Minnesota. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 5266 and H.R. 4926. The following legislation was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 5449, H.R. 5448, and H.R. 5146. The General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were approved.

SCHEDULING MANIPULATION AND VETERAN DEATHS IN PHOENIX: EXAMINATION OF THE OIG’S FINAL REPORT

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Scheduling Manipulation and Veteran Deaths in Phoenix: Examination of the OIG’s Final Report”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: Richard J. Griffin, Acting Inspector General; Robert A. McDonald, Secretary; and Lisa Thomas, Chief of Staff, Veterans Health Administration; Katherine L. Mitchell, Medical Director, Iraq and Afghanistan Post-Deployment Center, Phoenix VA Health Care System; and a public witness.

DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS OFFERED BY PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYERS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on defined benefit pension plans offered by private sector employers. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HEARING 1

Select Committee on Benghazi: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Hearing 1”, relating to Accountability Review Board implementation. Testimony was heard from Greg Starr, Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine assessing and enhancing protections in consumer financial services, 11 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider GSA resolutions, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nomination of Carolyn Watts Colvin, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2019, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled “Ukraine Freedom Support Act”, S. 2778, to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$10,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of James Foley and Steven Sotloff, S. Res. 530, expressing the sense of the Senate 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, formerly known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), as it expands its control over areas in northwestern Iraq, S. Res. 541, recognizing the severe threat that the Ebola outbreak in West Africa poses to populations, governments, and economies across Africa and, if not properly contained, to regions across the globe, and expressing support for those affected by this epidemic, S. Res. 540, recognizing September 15, 2014, as the International Day of Democracy, affirming the role of civil society as a cornerstone of democracy, and encouraging all governments to stand with civil society in the face of mounting restrictions on civil society organizations, and the nominations of 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, Stafford Fitzgerald Haney, of New Jersey, to

be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Earl Robert Miller, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, William V. Roebuck, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Judith Beth Cefkin, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu, Barbara A. Leaf, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Pamela Leora Spratlen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, and a list in the Foreign Service, 2 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine overcoming persistent barriers to economic self-sufficiency for people with disabilities, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine tax audits of large partnerships, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Madeline Cox Arleo, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Wendy Beetlestone, Mark A. Kearney, Joseph F. Leeson, Jr., and Gerald J. Pappert, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Victor Allen Bolden, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Armando Ormar Bonilla, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Stephen R. Bough, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, David J. Hale, and Gregory N. Stivers, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, S. 1690, to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007, S. 2646, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, S. 2520, to improve the Freedom of Information Act, and H.R. 1447, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, 11 a.m., SD-226.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry, hearing on the benefits of promoting soil health in agriculture and rural America, 11:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Administration’s Strategy for the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)”, 11:15 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Suicide Prevention and Treatment: Helping Loved Ones in Mental Health Crisis”, 11:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The ISIS Threat: Weighing the Obama Administration’s Response”, 11:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, joint hearing entitled “The Struggles of Recovering Assets for Holocaust Survivors”, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “Safeguarding Privacy and Civil Liberties While Keeping our Skies Safe”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, hearing on oversight of the Drug Enforcement Administration, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing on oversight of the U.S. Copyright Office, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 69, the “Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2013”; H.R. 706, the “Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park Establishment Act”; H.R. 712, to extend the authorization of the Highlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2024; H.R. 1363, the “Exploring for Geothermal Energy on Federal Lands Act”; H.R. 1839, the “Hermosa Creek Watershed Protection Act of 2013”; H.R. 3226, to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System certain properties in South Carolina; H.R. 3227, to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System certain properties in South Carolina; H.R. 3326, the “Trinity County Land Exchange Act of 2013”; H.R. 3608, the “Grand Portage Band Per Capita Adjustment Act”; H.R. 3980, the “Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act”; H.R. 3981, the “Accelerated Revenue, Repayment, and Surface Water Storage Enhancement Act”; H.R. 4166, the “Lake Berryessa Recreation Enhancement Act of 2014”; H.R. 4534, the “Native American Children’s Safety Act”; H.R. 4846, the “Arapaho National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2014”; H.R. 5003, the “Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2014”; H.R. 5040, the “Idaho County Shooting Range Land Conveyance Act”; H.R. 5049, the “Blackfoot River Land Exchange Act of 2014”; H.R. 5050, the “May 31, 1918 Act Repeal Act”; H.R. 5139, to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit P16; H.R. 5162, to amend the Act entitled “An Act to allow a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to be used for a child care center” to remove the use restriction, and for other purposes; H.R. 5167, to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, to convey certain Federal property located in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska to the Olgoonik Corporation, an Alaska Native Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; H.R. 5412, the “Bureau of Reclamation Surface Water Storage Streamlining Act”; H.R. 5476, the “Cabin Fee Act of 2014”; S. 363, the “Geothermal Production Expansion Act of 2013”; and S. 609, the “San Juan County Federal Land Conveyance Act”, 11 a.m. or conclusion of the Joint Session, whichever occurs later, 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining ObamaCare’s Failures in Security, Accountability and Transparency”, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “Protecting International Religious Freedom”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and the Census, hearing entitled “U.S. Census Bureau: Addressing Data Collection Vulnerabilities”, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Science of Dyslexia”, 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Health and Technology, hearing entitled “An Update on the Small Business Health Options Program: Is It Working for Small Businesses?”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Threat Posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), al-Qa’ida, and other Islamic Extremists”, 8 a.m., HVC–210.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will recess subject to the call of the Chair. When the Senate reconvenes, the Senate will be in a period of morning business.

At 1 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of H. J. Res. 124, Continuing Appropriations Resolution, with several roll call votes on or in relation to H. J. Res. 124 and nominations to begin at approximately 5:30 p.m.

(At 10 a.m., His Excellency Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine, will address a Joint Meeting of Congress from the Hall of the House of Representatives. Senators should begin to gather in the Senate Chamber at 9:30 a.m. to depart at 9:40 a.m.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, September 18

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Joint Meeting with the Senate to Receive His Excellency Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine. Following the Joint Meeting, the House is expected to consider H.R. 2—American Energy Solutions for Lower Costs and More American Jobs Act (Subject to a Rule).

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