

CORRECTION

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine.

Senate passed H.J. Res. 124, Continuing Appropriations Resolution.

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 44, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5725–S5881

Measures Introduced: Sixty-two bills and sixteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2851–2912, S. Res. 561–575, and S. Con. Res. 44.

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Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Inquiry Into Cyber Intrusions Affecting U.S. Transportation Command Contractors”. (S. Rept. No. 113–258)

Report to accompany S. 1898, to require adequate information regarding the tax treatment of payments under settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies. (S. Rept. No. 113–259)

Report to accompany S. 1474, to encourage the State of Alaska to enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes in the State relating to the enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, to improve the quality of life in rural Alaska, to reduce alcohol and drug abuse. (S. Rept. No. 113–260)

Report to accompany S. 2651, to repeal certain mandates of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General. (S. Rept. No. 113–261)

H.R. 1232, to amend titles 40, 41, and 44, United States Code, to eliminate duplication and waste in information technology acquisition and management, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–262)

H.R. 4007, to recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–263)

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 terrorist group the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

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.

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, and with an amended preamble.

S. 1217, to provide secondary mortgage market reform, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2581, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers.

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. 2828, to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, with amendments.

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Measures Passed:

Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 4323, to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004.

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Continuing Appropriations Resolution: By 78 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 270), Senate passed H.J.

Res. 124, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, after taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 3851, of a perfecting nature.

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Reid Amendment No. 3852 (to Amendment No. 3851), of a perfecting nature. (By 50 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 268), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

Pages S5737, S5755, S5763–64

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

By 73 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 269), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the joint resolution.

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Reid motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3853, of a perfecting nature, fell when cloture was invoked on the joint resolution.

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Reid Amendment No. 3854 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 3853) of the motion to commit), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 3853 fell.

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Reid Amendment No. 3855 (to Amendment No. 3854), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 3854 fell.

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125th Anniversary of the State of South Dakota: Senate agreed to S. Res. 566, celebrating the 125th anniversary of the State of South Dakota.

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Indigenous Clean-Energy Resources: Senate passed H.R. 83, to require the Secretary of the Interior to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States through the development of energy action plans aimed at promoting access to affordable, reliable energy, including increasing use of indigenous clean-energy resources, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S5861–62

Pryor (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 3928, in the nature of a substitute.

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Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research and Education Amendments: Senate passed H.R. 594, to amend the Public Health Service Act relating to Federal research on muscular dystrophy.

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Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2600, to amend the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure

Act to clarify how the Act applies to condominiums, and the bill was then passed.

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Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act: Senate passed H.R. 3043, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

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Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe—Fish Springs Ranch Settlement Act: Senate passed H.R. 3716, to ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

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IMPACT Act: Senate passed H.R. 4994, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for standardized post-acute care assessment data for quality, payment, and discharge planning.

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Examination and Supervisory Privilege Parity Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5062, 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 the bill was then passed.

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

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Federal Data Center Consolidation Act: Senate passed S. 1611, to require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S5863–65

Pryor (for Carper) Amendment No. 3929, to modify the provision relating to waiver of requirements.

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Pryor (for Bennet) Amendment No. 3930, to clarify reporting requirements for the Department of Defense.

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Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act: Senate passed S. 1691, to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for reforms and rates of pay for border patrol agents, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S5865–72

Pryor (for Carper) Amendment No. 3931, to improve the bill.

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Blackfoot River Land Exchange Act: Senate passed S. 2040, to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5872–73**

Pryor (for Crapo) Amendment No. 3932, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5872**

Preventing Conflicts of Interest with Contractors Act: Senate passed S. 2061, to prevent conflicts of interest relating to contractors providing background investigation fieldwork services and investigative support services, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5873–74**

E-LABEL Act: Senate passed S. 2583, to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. **Page S5874**

United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act: Senate passed S. 2673, to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5874–76**

Pryor (for Boxer) Amendment No. 3933, to designate Israel as a program country under the Visa Waiver Program if Israel complies with the generally applicable requirements. **Page S5874**

James Foley and Steven Sotloff: Senate passed 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. **Page S5876**

Medal of Honor to Henry Johnson: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. 2793, to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to Henry Johnson, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5876–77**

Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act: Senate passed H.R. 4980, to prevent and address sex trafficking of children in foster care, to extend and improve adoption incentives, and to improve international child support recovery. **Page S5877**

Improper Payments Agency Cooperation Enhancement Act: Senate passed S. 1360, to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5877**

Pryor (for Carper/Coburn) Amendment No. 3934, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5877**

Naturopathic Medicine Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 420, designating the week of October 6 through October 12, 2014, as “Naturopathic Medicine Week” to recognize the value of naturopathic medicine in providing safe, effective, and affordable health care, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5877**

Welcome Home Commemoration: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 479, recognizing Veterans Day 2014 as a special “Welcome Home Commemoration” for all who have served in the military since September 14, 2001, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5877–78**

Burr (for Pryor) Amendment No. 3935, of a perfecting nature. **Page S5877**

100th Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 529, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and commending its members for their courage and sacrifice in service to the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5878**

Protect Religious Minorities From Persecution: Senate agreed to 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 terrorist group the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5878**

Ebola Outbreak in West Africa: Senate agreed to 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. **Pages S5878–80**

Compensation Received by Public Safety Officers: Senate passed S. 2912, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income. **Page S5880**

United States and India Partnership Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 571, designating September 30, 2014, as “United States and India Partnership Day”. **Page S5880**

United States Submarine Force: Senate agreed to S. Res. 572, congratulating the Sailors of the United States Submarine Force upon the completion of

4,000 ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) deterrent patrols. **Page S5880**

50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act: Senate agreed to S. Res. 573, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. **Page S5880**

National Estuaries Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 574, designating the week of September 20 through September 27, 2014, as “National Estuaries Week”. **Page S5880**

National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 575, designating September 2014 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”. **Page S5880**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 44, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page S5880**

House Messages:

Child Care and Development Block Grant Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House to S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Page S5772**

Pending:

Reid motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill. **Page S5772**

Reid motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 3923 (to the motion to concur in the House amendment), to change the enactment date. **Page S5772**

Reid Amendment No. 3924 (to Amendment No. 3923), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5772**

Reid motion to refer the House Message on the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3925, to change the enactment date. **Page S5772**

Reid Amendment No. 3926 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 3925), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5772**

Reid Amendment No. 3927 (to Amendment No. 3926), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5772**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Leigh Martin May, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Page S5772**

Authority for Committees—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the Senate’s recess, committees be

authorized to report legislative and executive matters on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. **Page S5880**

Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S5880**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the adjournment or recess of the Senate from Thursday, September 18, 2014 through Wednesday, November 12, 2014, the Majority Leader, and Senators Rockefeller, Reed, Carper, Coons, and Cardin be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S5880**

Pro Forma—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, and convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session, unless the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives that it has adopted S. Con. Res. 44, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives: Monday, September 22, 2014 at 4 p.m.; Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 12 noon; Monday, September 29, 2014 at 12 noon; Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 12 noon; Monday, October 6, 2014 at 2 p.m.; Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 12 noon; Monday, October 13, 2014 at 12 noon; Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 12 noon; Monday, October 20, 2014 at 10:15 a.m.; Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 12 noon; Monday, October 27, 2014 at 12 noon; Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 12 noon; Monday, November 3, 2014 at 12 noon; Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 12 noon; Monday, November 10, 2014 at 12 noon; and that when the Senate adjourns on November 10, 2014, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m., on Wednesday, November 12, 2014; and that if the Senate receives a message that the House of Representatives has adopted S. Con. Res. 44, Senate adjourn until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 for a pro forma session only, and that following the pro forma session, Senate adjourn until 2 p.m., on Wednesday, November 12, 2014. **Page S5881**

Moss Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Randolph D. Moss, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Page S5771**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, September 18, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 12, 2014. **Page S5771**

May Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Leigh Martin May, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Pages S5771–72**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, September 18, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 12, 2014. **Page S5772**

Moss and May Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII, at 5:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Randolph D. Moss, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Leigh Martin May, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia; that if cloture is invoked on either of these nominations, that at 2:15 p.m., on Thursday, November 13, 2014, all post-cloture time be considered expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order upon which cloture was invoked; and that there be two minutes for debate prior to each vote, and all roll call votes after the first vote in each sequence be 10 minutes in length. **Page S5772**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Mark William Lippert, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea. **Pages S5764–65, S5842**

Adam M. Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Non-proliferation, with the rank of Ambassador. **Pages S5764–65, S5842**

Kevin F. O'Malley, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Ireland. **Pages S5764–65, S5842**

Bathsheba Nell Crocker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs). **Pages S5764–65, S5842**

Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy. **Pages S5764–65, S5843**

Robert W. Holleyman II, of Louisiana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador. **Pages S5764–65, S5842**

Eric Rosenbach, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Pages S5764–65, S5842**

D. Nathan Sheets, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S5764–65, S5842**

Charles H. Fulghum, of North Carolina, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S5764–65, S5843**

Alfonso E. Lenhardt, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development. **Pages S5764–65, S5842**

Thomas Frieden, of New York, to be Representative of the United States on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization. **Pages S5765, S5843**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Francine Berman, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

Victoria Ann Hughes, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2016.

Eric P. Liu, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring December 27, 2017.

Joseph Pius Pietrzyk, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2017.

Deborah Willis, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring May 21, 2020.

Mario Cordero, of California, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2019.

Tho Dinh-Zarr, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2018.

Maria Echaveste, of California, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States.

Brian James Egan, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

Paul A. Folmsbee, of Oklahoma, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali.

Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan.

Richard Rahul Verma, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India.

Allison Beck, of the District of Columbia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director.

Earl L. Gay, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

Joan Marie Azrack, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Alfred H. Bennett, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Loretta Copeland Biggs, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

Elizabeth K. Dillon, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia.

George C. Hanks, Jr., of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Jose Rolando Olvera, Jr., of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Jill N. Parrish, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 2014.

Alison Renee Lee, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 2014.

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Additional Statements:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:
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Privileges of the Floor: Page S5842

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today.
(Total—270) Page S5764

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:31 p.m., until 4 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5881.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CONSUMER FINANCIAL SERVICES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine assessing and enhancing protections in consumer financial services, including S. 635, to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement, and H.R. 5130, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions, after receiving testimony from Travis B. Plunkett, The Pew Charitable Trusts, Oliver I. Ireland, Morrison and Foerster, and Hilary O. Shelton, NAACP Washington Bureau, all of Washington, D.C.; and Sheri Ekdom, LSS Center for Financial Resources, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported 13 resolutions relating to General Services Administration.

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Carolyn Watts Colvin, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2019.

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

S. 2828, to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, with amendments;

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

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, with an amendment to the preamble;

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, Benjamin L. Cardin, of Maryland, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Ronald H. Johnson, of Wisconsin, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, James Peter Zumwalt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Robert T. Yamate, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of the Comoros, Virginia E. Palmer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, David Nathan Saperstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, Thomas Frieden, of New York, to be Rep-

resentative of the United States on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization, and a list in the Foreign Service.

ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine overcoming persistent barriers to economic self-sufficiency for people with disabilities, after receiving testimony from Tennessee State Senator Becky Massey, Sertoma Center, Knoxville; Geoffrey M. Lauer, Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa, Iowa City; Ann Wai-Yee Kwong, University of California Berkeley, El Monte; Alison M. Lozano, New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities, Trenton; and Justin Herbst, Western Springs, Illinois.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1690, to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007, with amendments;

S. 2646, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

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.

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: 147 public bills, 5525–5671; and 17 resolutions, H.J. Res. 126–127; H. Con. Res. 116–117; and H. Res. 734–746 were introduced. **Pages H7781–87**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7892–94**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 5077, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide guidance and clarification regarding issuing new and renewal permits, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–604).

A report was filed on July 29, 2014 as follows: H.R. 4709, to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–605, Pt. 1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Collins (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7679**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Seretta McKnight, Union Baptist Church, Hempstead, New York. **Page H7679**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:05 a.m. for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine. The House reconvened at 12:01 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. **Page H7680**

Joint Meeting To Receive His Excellency Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine: The House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine. He was escorted into the Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives McCarthy (CA), Scalise, McMorris Rodgers, Walden, Jenkins, McKeon, Royce, Frelinghuysen, Granger, Rogers (MI), Gerlach, Turner, Pelosi, Hoyer, Clyburn, Israel, Becerra, Slaughter, Quigley, Kaptur, Pascrell, Levin, Brown (FL), and DeLauro; and Senators Reid, Durbin, Murray, Stabenow, Menendez, Murphy, McConnell, Cornyn, Blunt, Barrasso, and Corker. **Pages H7680–83**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication: Read a letter from Chairman Shuster wherein he transmitted copies of resolutions to authorize 12 prospectuses, including two alteration projects, one construction project, and three leases, included in the General Services Administration's FY2014 and FY2015 Capital Investment and Leasing Programs. The resolutions were adopted by

the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on September 17, 2014. **Pages H7691–H7772**

Recess: The House recessed at 1 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. **Page H7772**

Jobs for America Act: The House passed H.R. 4, to make revisions to Federal law to improve the conditions necessary for economic growth and job creation, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 253 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 513. **Pages H7684–91, H7772, H7854–58**

Rejected the Bishop (NY) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 191 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 512.

Pages H7854–57

H. Res. 727, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2) and (H.R. 4), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 511, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 510. **Pages H7684–91, H7772–73**

American Energy Solutions for Lower Costs and More American Jobs Act: The House passed 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; and 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, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 515. **Pages H7684–91, H7819–60**

Rejected the Schneider motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 193 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 514.

Pages H7853–54, H7859

Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of adopting a motion to recommit on H.R. 2 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20. **Page H7819**

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:20 p.m. and reconvened at 6:01 p.m. **Page H7854**

Providing for the appointment of Michael Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to S.J. Res. 40, to provide for the appointment of Michael Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Page H7860**

Condemning all forms of anti-Semitism and rejecting attempts to justify anti-Jewish hatred or violent attacks: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 707, as amended by Representative Royce, to condemn all forms of anti-Semitism and rejecting attempts to justify anti-Jewish hatred or violent attacks as an acceptable expression of disapproval or frustration over political events in the Middle East or elsewhere. **Pages H7860–62**

Expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to the families of James Foley and Steven Sotloff: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 734, to express the condolences of the House of Representatives to the families of James Foley and Steven Sotloff, and to condemn the terrorist acts of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. **Page H7862**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon tomorrow, September 19th. **Page H7862**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H7772, H7877.

Senate Referrals: S. 2651 was referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Homeland Security; S. 2141 was held at the desk. **Page H7772**

Discharge Petition: Representative Wilson (FL) presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committees on Ways and Means, Small Business, Education and the Workforce, the Judiciary, Transportation and Infrastructure, Financial Services, House Administration, Oversight and Government Reform, and the Budget from the consideration of H.R. 2821, a bill to provide tax relief for American workers and businesses, to put workers back on the job while rebuilding and modernizing America, and to provide pathways back to work for Americans looking for jobs (Discharge Petition No. 12).

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7772, H7773, H7857–58, H7858, H7859, H7859–60. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BENEFITS OF PROMOTING SOIL HEALTH IN AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AMERICA

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry held a hearing on the benefits of promoting soil health in agriculture and rural America. Testimony was heard from Jason Weller, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; Shanon Phillips, Director, Water Quality, Oklahoma Conservation Commission; and public witnesses.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S STRATEGY FOR THE ISLAMIC STATE IN IRAQ AND THE LEVANT

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Administration's Strategy for the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)". Testimony was heard from Chuck Hagel, Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; and Lieutenant General William Mayville, USA, Director for Operations, J-3, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

SUICIDE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT: HELPING LOVED ONES IN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Suicide Prevention and Treatment: Helping Loved Ones in Mental Health Crisis". Testimony was heard from former Member Lincoln Diaz-Balart; Rear Admiral Boris D. Lushniak, Acting Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

THE ISIS THREAT: WEIGHING THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The ISIS Threat: Weighing the Obama Administration's Response". Testimony was heard from John F. Kerry, Secretary of State, Department of State.

THE STRUGGLES OF RECOVERING ASSETS FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a joint hearing entitled "The Struggles of Recovering Assets for Holocaust Survivors". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SAFEGUARDING PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES WHILE KEEPING OUR SKIES SAFE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “Safeguarding Privacy and Civil Liberties While Keeping Our Skies Safe”. Testimony was heard from Stephen Sadler, Assistant Administrator, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Christopher M. Piehota, Director, Terrorist Screening Center, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Jennifer A. Grover, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

OVERSIGHT OF THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations held a hearing on oversight of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Testimony was heard from Michele M. Leonhart, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration.

OVERSIGHT OF THE U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing on oversight of the U.S. Copyright Office. Testimony was heard from Maria A. Pallante, Register of Copyrights and Director, U.S. Copyright Office.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a 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”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 69, H.R. 706, H.R. 712, H.R. 1839, H.R. 3226, H.R. 3227, H.R. 3326, H.R. 3980, H.R. 3981, H.R. 4166, H.R. 4534, H.R. 4846, H.R. 5003, H.R. 5139, H.R. 5167, H.R. 5412, H.R. 5476, and S. 609. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 1363, H.R. 3608, H.R. 5040, H.R. 5049, H.R. 5050, H.R. 5162, and S. 363.

EXAMINING OBAMACARE’S FAILURES IN SECURITY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining ObamaCare’s Failures in Security, Accountability and Transparency”. Testimony was heard from Marilyn Tavenner, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Greg Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Ann Barron-DiCamillo, Director, U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team, Department of Homeland Security.

PROTECTING INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Protecting International Religious Freedom”. Testimony was heard from Sarah Sewall, Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, Department of State; Katrina Lantos Swett,

Chair, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom; and public witnesses.

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU: ADDRESSING DATA COLLECTION VULNERABILITIES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and the Census held a hearing entitled “U.S. Census Bureau: Addressing Data Collection Vulnerabilities”. Testimony was heard from John H. Thompson, Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce; and Todd Zinser, Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

THE SCIENCE OF DYSLEXIA

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Science of Dyslexia”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cassidy and Brownley of California and public witnesses.

AN UPDATE ON THE SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH OPTIONS PROGRAM: IS IT WORKING FOR SMALL BUSINESSES?

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Health and Technology held a hearing entitled “An Update on the Small Business Health Options Program: Is It Working for Small Businesses?”. Testimony was heard from Mayra Alvarez, Director, State Exchange Group, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and public witnesses.

THREAT POSED BY THE ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND THE LEVANT, AL-QA’IDA, AND OTHER ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Threat Posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), al-Qa’ida, and other Islamic Extremists”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “21st Century Cures: Examining Ways to Combat Antibiotic Resistance and Foster New Drug Development”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled “Islamist Foreign Fighters Returning Home and the Threat to Europe”, 9:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “Oversight of the DHS Headquarters Project at St. Elizabeths: Impact on the Taxpayer”, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 4924, the “Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Act of 2014”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

4 p.m., Monday, September 22

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Friday, September 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Unless the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives that it has agreed to S. Con. Res. 44, Adjournment Resolution, Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 12 noon.



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