

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6273–S6313*

**Measures Introduced:** Two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2971–2972, S.J. Res. 46, and S. Res. 593. **Page S6302**

**Measures Passed:**

***Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes:*** Senate passed H.R. 5681, to provide for the approval of the Amendment to the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes. **Page S6304**

***St. Clair Regional Airport:*** Senate passed 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. **Pages S6304–05**

***Lyle C. Pearson Community Based Outpatient Clinic:*** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3682, to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 1961 Premier Drive in Mankato, Minnesota, as the "Lyle C. Pearson Community Based Outpatient Clinic", and the bill was then passed. **Page S6305**

***PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic:*** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3375, to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be constructed at 3141 Centennial Boulevard, Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the "PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic", and the bill was then passed. **Page S6305**

***Lane A. Evans VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic:*** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2921, to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 310 Home Boulevard in Galesburg, Illinois, as the "Lane

A. Evans VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic", and the bill was then passed. **Page S6305**

***Corporal Michael J. Crescenz Act:*** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 229, to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 3900 Woodland Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Corporal Michael J. Crescenz Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center", and the bill was then passed. **Page S6305**

***Officer Tommy Decker Memorial Post Office:*** Senate passed H.R. 43, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Red River Avenue North in Cold Spring, Minnesota, as the "Officer Tommy Decker Memorial Post Office". **Pages S6305–06**

***Richard K. Salick Post Office:*** Senate passed H.R. 451, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Beach, Florida, as the "Richard K. Salick Post Office". **Page S6306**

***London Fallen Veterans Memorial Post Office:*** Senate passed H.R. 1391, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 South Oak Street in London, Ohio, as the "London Fallen Veterans Memorial Post Office". **Page S6306**

***Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building:*** Senate passed H.R. 3085, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3349 West 111th Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building". **Page S6306**

***Cynthia Jenkins Post Office Building:*** Senate passed H.R. 3957, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218–10 Merrick Boulevard in Springfield Gardens, New York, as the "Cynthia Jenkins Post Office Building". **Page S6306**

***Master Sergeant Shawn T. Hannon, Master Sergeant Jeffrey J. Rieck and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building:*** Senate passed H.R. 4189, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4000 Leap Road in Hilliard, Ohio, as the

“Master Sergeant Shawn T. Hannon, Master Sergeant Jeffrey J. Rieck and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building”. **Page S6306**

**Corporal Juan Mariel Alcantara Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 4443, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Vermilyea Avenue, in New York, New York, as the “Corporal Juan Mariel Alcantara Post Office Building”. **Page S6306**

**Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids and Captain Nicholas J. Rozanski Memorial Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 4919, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 715 Shawan Falls Drive in Dublin, Ohio, as the “Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids and Captain Nicholas J. Rozanski Memorial Post Office”. **Page S6306**

**Philmore Graham Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 5106, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Admiral Callaghan Lane in Vallejo, California, as the “Philmore Graham Post Office Building”. **Page S6306**

**James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building:** Senate passed S. 2523, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 3rd Avenue, NW., in Chisholm, Minnesota, as the “James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building”. **Page S6306**

**International Day of Democracy:** Senate agreed to 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. **Pages S6306–07**

**Life and Legacy of Louis Zamperini:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 531, honoring the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Louis Zamperini and expressing condolences on his passing, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S6307**

Blumenthal (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 3971, to amend the resolving clause. **Page S6307**

**National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 585, designating December 3, 2014, as “National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6307**

**Wreaths Across America Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 593, designating December 13, 2014, as “Wreaths Across America Day”. **Pages S6307–08**

**Orr Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Franklin M. Orr, Jr., of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy. **Pages S6292–93**

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

By 71 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 306), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S6292–93**

**Hezir Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Joseph S. Hezir, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy. **Page S6293**

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

By 68 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 307), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6293**

**Stivers Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gregory N. Stivers, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky. **Pages S6293–94**

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, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Joseph S. Hezir, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy. **Pages S6293–94**

**Leeson Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Joseph F. Leeson, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S6294**

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, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Gregory N. Stivers, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky. **Page S6294**

**Griggsby Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lydia Kay Griggsby, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years. **Page S6294**

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, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Joseph F. Leeson, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S6294**

**Baran Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jeffery Martin Baran, of

Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. **Page S6294**

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, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Lydia Kay Griggsby, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years. **Page S6294**

**McFerran Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

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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, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. **Pages S6294–95**

**Williams Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Ellen Dudley Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy. **Page S6295**

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, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S6295**

**Lodge Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Virginia Tyler Lodge, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority. **Page S6295**

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 Wednesday, December 3, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, December 9, 2014. **Page S6295**

**Walter Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Ronald Anderson Walter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

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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, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Virginia Tyler Lodge, of Ten-

nessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority. **Page S6295**

**Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII, at 10 a.m., on Thursday, December 4, 2014, all post-cloture time be considered expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Franklin M. Orr, Jr., of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy, and Joseph S. Hezir, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy; that following these votes, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the following nominations: Gregory N. Stivers, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, Joseph F. Leeson, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Lydia Kay Griggsby, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims; that if cloture is invoked on any of these nominations, that the time until 1:45 p.m. be in morning business, for debate only, equally divided in the usual form, and that at 1:45 p.m., all post-cloture time be considered expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order upon which cloture was invoked; that following these votes, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the following nominations: Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and Ellen Dudley Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy; that if cloture is invoked on any of these nominations, that on Monday, December 8, 2014, following Leader remarks, the time until 5:30 p.m., be in morning business, for debate only, equally divided in the usual form; and that at 5:30 p.m., all post-cloture time be considered expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order upon which cloture was invoked; that following those votes, Senate be in a period of morning business, for debate only, that on Tuesday, December 9, 2014, Senate be in a period of morning business, for debate only, with the time equally divided in the usual form, and at 10:30 a.m., Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Virginia Tyler Lodge, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Ronald Anderson Walter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority; that if cloture is invoked, the time until 6 p.m., be in morning business, for debate only, equally divided in the usual form; and that at 6 p.m., all post-cloture time be

considered expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; 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. **Pages S6295–96**

**Orr and Hezir Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time on the nominations of Franklin M. Orr, Jr., of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy, and Joseph S. Hezir, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy, be considered expired; and that the votes on confirmation of those nominations occur at 10 a.m., on Thursday, December 4, 2014. **Page S6293**

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

By 93 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 301), Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2019. **Pages S6313, S6273–75**

By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 302), P. David Lopez, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term of four years. **Pages S6313, S6275–77**

David J. Hale, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky. **Pages S6313, S6277, S6292**

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

By 65 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 303), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6277**

Mark A. Kearney, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S6277–78, S6313, S6278, S6292**

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

By 60 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 304), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S6277–78**

Gerald J. Pappert, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S6313, S6278–92**

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

By 67 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 305), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6278**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Pages S6308–13**

**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:** **Page S6300**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Pages S6300, S6273**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Page S6303**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S6304**

**Record Votes:** Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—307) **Pages S6275–78, S6292–93**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:44 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6308.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FARMERS AND FRESH WATER

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine farmers and fresh water, focusing on voluntary conservation to protect our land and waters, after receiving testimony from Jason Weller, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; Trudy D. Fisher, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality former Executive Director, Ridgeland; Mayor D. Michael Collins, Toledo, Ohio; Kristin Weeks Duncanson, Duncanson Growers, Mapleton, Minnesota; Marty D. Matlock, University of Arkansas Office for Sustainability, Fayetteville; and Sean McMahon, Iowa Agriculture Water Alliance, Ankeny.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mark R. Rosekind, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and Carlos A. Monje, Jr., of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, both of the Department of Transportation, and Tho Dinh-Zarr, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## FUKUSHIMA NEAR-TERM TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) implementation of the Fukushima Near-Term Task Force recommendations and other actions to enhance and maintain nuclear safety, after receiving testimony from Representative Capps; Allison M. MacFarlane, Chairman, and Kristine L. Svinicki, William C. Ostendorff, Jeff Baran, and Stephen G. Burns, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; former California State Senator Sam Blakeslee, former Seismic Safety Commissioner, San Luis Obispo; Daniel Hirsch, University of California, Santa Cruz; and Tony Pietrangelo, Nuclear Energy Institute, Washington, DC.

## NATURAL GAS VEHICLES

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine natural gas vehicles, focusing on fueling American jobs, enhancing energy security, and achieving emissions benefits, after receiving testimony from Robert Carrick, Daimler Trucks North America, Portland, Oregon; Mike Whitlatch, United Parcel Service, Atlanta, Georgia; Joseph A. Calabrese, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cleveland, Ohio; Ron Jibson, Questar, Salt Lake City, Utah; Rich Kassel, Gladstein, Neandross and Associates, New York, New York; and Harrison Clay, Clean Energy Renewable Fuels, Newport Beach, California.

## UMBRELLA MOVEMENT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine evaluating the impact of the "Umbrella Movement", after receiving testimony from Daniel Russel, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Richard C. Bush, The

Brookings Institution, and Sophie Richardson, Human Rights Watch, both of Washington, DC.

## DISMANTLING IRAN'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine dismantling Iran's nuclear weapons program, focusing on the next steps to achieve a comprehensive deal, after receiving testimony from David Albright, Institute for Science and International Security, and Michael Doran, Hudson Institute, both of Washington, DC; and Gary Samore, Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Matthew Vincent Masterson, of Ohio, and Christy A. McCormick, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission.

## HIGH COST OF TREATING VETERANS WITH HEPATITIS C

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the high cost of treating veterans with the Hepatitis C virus and the impact of the disease on the VA health care system, after receiving testimony from Michael Valentino, Veterans Health Administration Chief Consultant for Pharmacy Benefits Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; and John Rother, National Coalition on Health Care, and Robert Weissman, Public Citizen, both of Washington, DC.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 8 public bills, H.R. 5783–5790; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 120, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H8365–66**

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

H.R. 4971, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct annual surveys of veterans on experiences obtaining hospital care and medical services from medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–645) and

H. Res. 770, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3979) to amend

the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5759) to establish a rule of construction clarifying the limitations on executive authority to provide certain forms of immigration relief; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5781) to provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California (H. Rept. 113–646).

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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.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:14 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Guest Chaplain:** Reverend David Eung Yul Ryoo, Korean Central Presbyterian Church, Centreville, Virginia.

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**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yeas-and-nays vote of 275 yeas to 137 yeas with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 542.

Pages H8284, H8211–12

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

**Howard Coble Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014:** H.R. 5769, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2015, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 413 yeas to 3 yeas, Roll No. 541;

Pages H8289–H8305, H8310–11

**Reaffirming the peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and jurisdictional disputes in the South China Sea and the East China Sea:** H. Res. 714, amended, to reaffirm 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 to reaffirm 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; and

Pages H8350–54

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To reaffirm the strong support of the United States Government for 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 to reaffirm the vital interest of the United States in freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and airspace in the Asia-Pacific region."

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**United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act of 2014:** S. 2673, to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel. Pages H8354–58

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:55 p.m. and reconvened at 2:40 p.m.

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**Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2014:** The House passed H.R. 647, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 404 yeas to 17 yeas, Roll No. 545.

Pages H8312–22, H8343–44

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in Part B of H. Rept. 113–643 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill.

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H. Res. 766, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5771) and (H.R. 647), was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 231 yeas to 192 yeas, Roll No. 540, after the previous question was ordered.

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**Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2014:** The House passed H.R. 5771, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and make technical corrections, by a recorded vote of 378 yeas to 46 yeas, Roll No. 544.

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Rejected the Neal 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 197 yeas to 223 yeas, Roll No. 543.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in Part A of H. Rept. 113–643 shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 766, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5771) and (H.R. 647), was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 231 yeas to 192 yeas, Roll No. 540, after the previous question was ordered.

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Pursuant to H. Res. 766, in the engrossment of H.R. 5771 the Clerk shall (a) add the text of H.R. 647, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 5771; (b) conform the title of H.R. 5771 to reflect the addition of H.R. 647, as passed by the House, to the engrossment; (c) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and (d) conform cross-references and provisions for short titles within the engrossment.

**Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 120, to authorize the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present

the Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol. **Page H8344**

**Adding Ebola to the FDA Priority Review Voucher Program Act:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 2917, to expand the program of priority review to encourage treatments for tropical diseases. **Page H8344**

**Sudden Unexpected Death Data Enhancement and Awareness Act:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table H.R. 669, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life, and concur in the Senate amendments. **Pages H8344–45**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, December 4. **Page H8345**

**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

**Condemning the actions of the Russian Federation:** H. Res. 758, amended, to strongly condemn the actions of the Russian Federation, under President Vladimir Putin, which has carried out a policy of aggression against neighboring countries aimed at political and economic domination. **Pages H8345–50**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 8:19 p.m. and reconvened at 9:39 p.m. **Page H8364**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8282.

**Senate Referral:** S. 2917 was held at the desk; S. 1237 was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources, Education and the Workforce, Financial Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Oversight and Government Reform. **Page H8364**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8310, H8310–11, H8311–12, H8342, H8343, and H8343–44. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### TAKATA AIRBAG RUPTURES AND RECALLS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Takata Airbag Ruptures and Recalls”. Testimony was heard from David J. Friedman, Deputy

Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and public witnesses.

### THE FUTURE OF THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “The Future of the Children's Health Insurance Program”. Testimony was heard from Evelynne Baumrucker, Health Financing Analyst, Congressional Research Service; Alison Mitchell, Health Care Financing Analyst, Congressional Research Service; Carolyn Yocom, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and Anne Schwartz, Executive Director, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing on H.R. 917, the “Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2013”. Testimony was heard from Representatives King of Iowa and Lofgren; Julie A. Robinson, Judge, United States District Court for the District of Kansas, on behalf of the Judicial Conference of the United States; and a public witness.

### TRANSFORMING FEDERAL SPENDING: IMPLEMENTING THE DIGITAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Transforming Federal Spending: Implementing the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act”. Testimony was heard from Senators Warner and Portman; Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; David Mader, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, White House Office of Management and Budget; and David Lebryk, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

### EXECUTIVE AMNESTY PREVENTION ACT OF 2014; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REDESIGNATION OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES AS THE DANIEL K. INOUE ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES; CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF ACT OF 2014; SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL, THE “EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2014”

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5759, the “Executive Amnesty Prevention Act of 2014”; S. 1847, to provide for the redesignation of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies as the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security

Studies; H.R. 5781, the “California Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014”; and Senate amendment to H.R. 3979, the “Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2014” [National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015]. The committee granted, by a record vote of 6–4, for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 3979. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–58 modified by the amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. Additionally, the rule granted a closed rule for H.R. 5759. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part B of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted, and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also granted a closed rule for H.R. 5781. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part C of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted, and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 4, the rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Armed Services may insert in the Congressional Record at any time during the remainder of the second session of the 113th Congress such material as he may deem explanatory of defense authorization measures for the fiscal year 2015. Testimony was heard from Chairman McKeon, Chairman Hastings of Washington, Chairman Goodlatte, and Representatives Smith of Washington, Coffman, Cole, Dent, McCollum, Van Hollen, Napolitano, Huffman, Valadao, Lofgren, and Gutierrez.

## REVIEW OF THE RESULTS OF TWO AUDITS OF THE NATIONAL ECOLOGICAL OBSERVATORY NETWORK

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Review of the Results of Two Audits of the National Ecological Observatory Network”. Testimony was heard from Allison Lerner, Inspector General, National Science Foundation; and Anita Bales, Director, Defense Contract Audit Agency.

## VA’S CAREGIVER PROGRAM: ASSESSING CURRENT PROSPECTS AND FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “VA’s Caregiver Program: Assessing Current Prospects and Future Possibilities”. Testimony was heard from Randall B. Williamson, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Maureen McCarthy, M.D., Deputy Chief, Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2014

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Colette Dodson Honorable, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10:30 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider S. 2946, to provide improved water, sanitation, and hygiene programs for high priority developing countries, S. Res. 578, supporting the role of the United States in ensuring children in the world’s poorest countries have access to vaccines and immunization through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, S. Res. 586, calling on the Government of Burma to develop a non-discriminatory and comprehensive solution that addresses Rakhine State’s needs for peace, security, harmony, and development under equitable and just application of the rule of law, H. Con. Res. 107, denouncing the use of civilians as human shields by Hamas and other terrorist organizations in violation of international humanitarian law, the nominations of Antony Blinken, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary, Robert Francis Cekuta, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Richard M. Mills, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Jess Lippincott Bailly, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, and Margaret Ann Uyebara, of

Ohio, to be Ambassador to Montenegro, all of the Department of State, Leon Aron, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, and Carol Leslie Hamilton, of California, to be an Alternate Representative to the Sixty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and lists in the Foreign Service, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: to hold hearings to examine The FANS Act, focusing on if sports blackouts and anti-trust exemptions are harming fans, consumers, and the games themselves, 10:15 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Leigh A. Bradley, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SR-418.

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

### House

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "Is Academic Freedom Threatened by China's Influence on U.S. Universities?", 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 3099, the "Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Conservation Act of 2013", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Ongoing Intelligence Activities", 9 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing will be closed.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Thursday, December 4

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** At 10 a.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Franklin M. Orr, Jr., of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy, and Joseph S. Hezir, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy, to be followed by votes on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Gregory N. Stivers, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, Joseph F. Leeson, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Lydia Kay Griggsby, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

At 1:45 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Gregory N. Stivers, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, Joseph F. Leeson, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of

Pennsylvania, and Lydia Kay Griggsby, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, to be followed by votes on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and Ellen Dudley Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Thursday, December 4

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 5759—Executive Amnesty Prevention Act of 2014 (Subject to a Rule) and consideration of S. 1847—providing for the redesignation of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (Subject to a Rule).

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