

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2048, USA FREEDOM Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3419–S3635

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1473–1486. **Pages S3455–56**

Measures Reported:

S. 1484, to improve accountability and transparency in the United States financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, provide sensible relief to financial institutions. **Page S3455**

Measures Passed:

USA FREEDOM Act: By 67 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 201), Senate passed H.R. 2048, to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3421–44**

Rejected:

By 42 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 198), McConnell Amendment No. 1451 (to Amendment No. 1450), relating to appointment of *amicus curiae*. **Pages S3421, S3442**

By 44 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 199), McConnell Amendment No. 1450 (to Amendment No. 1449), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S3421, S3442**

By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 200), McConnell/Burr Amendment No. 1449, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3421, S3442–43**

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

By 83 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 197), 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 bill. **Pages S3427–28**

McConnell/Burr Amendment No. 1452 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment

No. 1449), of a perfecting nature. (Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3421, S3442**

McConnell Amendment No. 1453 (to Amendment No. 1452), to change the enactment date, fell when McConnell/Burr Amendment No. 1452 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1449) (listed above) was tabled.

Pages S3421, S3442

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, be withdrawn; that at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, Senate begin consideration of the bill, and it be in order for Senator McCain to offer Amendment No. 1463, the text of which is identical to the Senate Committee on Armed Services reported NDAA bill, S. 1376, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year; and that the time until 2:30 p.m. be for debate only, and equally divided between the bill managers or their designees.

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Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during today's session of the Senate, Senator Daines be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

Pages S3631, S3634

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Marie Therese Dominguez, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

Sarah Elizabeth Feinberg, of West Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration.

Roberta S. Jacobson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

A routine list in the Foreign Service. Page S3634

Messages from the House: Page S3454

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Executive Communications: Pages S3454–55

Additional Cosponsors: Pages S3456–57

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: Pages S3457–61

Additional Statements: Pages S3453–54

Amendments Submitted: Pages S3461–S3630

Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S3631

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—201) Pages S3427–28, S3442–44

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:35 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S—).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PERSPECTIVES ON THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on the Export-Import Bank of the United States, including S. 819, to reauthorize and reform the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after receiving testimony from Michael R. Strain, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, Daniel J. Ikenson, Cato Institute Herbert A. Stiefel Center for Trade Policy Studies, John Murphy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Linda Menghetti

Dempsey, National Association of Manufacturers, all of Washington, D.C.; and Veronique de Rugy, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia.

LIFELINE PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine Lifeline, focusing on improving accountability and effectiveness, after receiving testimony from Michael Clements, Acting Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Ronald A. Briše, Florida Public Service Commission Commissioner, Tallahassee, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Randolph J. May, The Free State Foundation, Potomac, Maryland; Scott Bergmann, CTIA—The Wireless Association, Washington, D.C.; and Jessica J. González, National Hispanic Media Coalition, Pasadena, California.

DROUGHT IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of drought conditions throughout the Western United States and actions states and others are taking to address them, after receiving testimony from Michael Connor, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Betsy A. Cody, Specialist in Natural Resource Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Thomas Buschatzke, Arizona Department of Water Resources Director, Phoenix; Tom Loranger, Washington State Department of Ecology Program Manager, Olympia; Cannon Michael, The Family Farm Alliance, Los Banos, California; and James D. Ogsbury, Western Governors' Association, Denver, Colorado.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE DATA THEFT

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Internal Revenue Service data theft affecting taxpayer information, after receiving testimony from John A. Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and J. Russell George, Inspector General for Tax Administration, both of the Department of the Treasury.

UNDERSTANDING IRAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on understanding Iran's nuclear program from Ernest Moniz, Secretary, Bill Goldstein, Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Charlie McMillan, Director, Los Alamos National

Laboratory, and Thom Mason, Director, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, all of the Department of Energy.

IRS DATA BREACH

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the IRS data breach, focusing on steps to protect Americans' personal information, after receiving testimony

from John A. Koskinen, Commissioner, and Terence V. Millholland, Chief Technology Officer, both of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Kevin Fu, University of Michigan Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Ann Arbor; Jeffrey E. Greene, Symantec Corporation, Washington, D.C.; and Mike Kasper, Poughkeepsie, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 2602–2622; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 289–291 were introduced. **Pages H3756–58**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3758–59**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 288, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2289) to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end-users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, to help farmers, ranchers, and end-users manage risks, to help keep consumer costs low, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–136). **Page H3756**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Hultgren to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3645**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3649**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 170 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 269. **Page H3659**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016: The House began consideration of H.R. 2578, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 3. **Pages H3652–H3755**

Agreed to:

Guinta amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Drug Courts by \$5,000,000; **Pages H3675–76**

Reichert amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program by \$1,000,000; **Pages H3675–77**

Nugent amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Justice Programs State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance by \$4,000,000; **Pages H3679–81**

Poe (TX) amendment that increases funding, by offset, for victim services programs for victims of trafficking by \$17,300,000; **Pages H3681–82**

Smith (TX) amendment that redirects \$21,000,000 in funding within National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration corporate services administrative support costs; **Pages H3687–88**

Clawson amendment that increases funding, by offset, for operations, research and facilities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration by \$2,000,000; **Page H3689**

McKinley amendment that increases funding, by offset, for salaries and expenses of the International Trade Commission by \$2,000,000; **Pages H3692–93**

Gosar amendment that reduces the general administration account of the Department of Justice by \$2,209,500 and increases the general administration account of the Office of Inspector General by \$1,709,000; **Pages H3694–95**

Brownley (CA) amendment, as modified, that increases funding, by offset, for a veterans treatment courts program by \$2,500,000; **Pages H3695–96**

MacArthur amendment that increases funding, by offset, for enhanced training and services to end violence against and abuse of women in later life by \$750,000; **Page H3696**

Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM) that increases funding, by offset, for the Office of Justice state and local law enforcement assistance program by \$2,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 10 noes, Roll No. 272); **Pages H3693–94, H3698–99**

Gosar amendment that reduces funding for the salaries, expenses, and general legal activities of the Department of Justice by \$1,000,000 and applies the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 273); **Pages H3696–97, H3699–H3700**

Cohen amendment that increases funding, by offset, for a grant program for community-based sexual assault response reform by \$4,000,000;

Pages H3702–03

Ted Lieu (CA) amendment that reduces funding for the Drug Enforcement Administration by \$9,000,000, increases funding for the Office on Violence Against Women by \$4,000,000; and increases funding for programs authorized by the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 by \$3,000,000; **Page H3703**

Castro (TX) amendment that increases funding, by offset, to improve community-police relations by \$10,000,000; **Pages H3703–04**

Gosar amendment that increases funding, by offset, for veterans treatment courts by \$5,000,000;

Pages H3705–06

Gosar amendment that increases funding, by offset, for a program to monitor prescription drugs and scheduled limited chemical products by \$5,000,000;

Pages H3706–07

Buck amendment that appropriates funds to investigate or act upon applications for relief from Federal firearms disabilities under section 925 (c) of title 18, United States Code; **Pages H3708–09**

Moore amendment that increases funding, by offset, for mental health courts and adult and juvenile collaboration grants by \$2,000,000; **Page H3709**

Connolly amendment that increases funding, by offset, for veterans treatment court programs by \$1,000,000; **Pages H3709–16**

Engel amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice, or any other Federal agency to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles for any executive fleet, or for an agency's fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential Memorandum-Federal Fleet Performance, dated May 24, 2011;

Pages H3724–25

Poe (TX) amendment that prohibits the use of funds made available for the Department of Justice or the FBI to mandate or request that a person alter the product or service of the person to permit the electronic surveillance of any user of such product or service except in the case of mandates or requests authorized under the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act; **Pages H3725–27**

Polis amendment that prohibits the use of funds to execute a subpoena of tangible things pursuant to the Controlled Substances Act that does not include the following sentence: "This subpoena limits the collection of any tangible things (including phone numbers dialed, telephone numbers of incoming calls, and the duration of calls) to those tangible things identified by a term that specifically identifies an individual, account, address, or personal device, and that limits, to the greatest extent reasonably

practicable, the scope of the tangible things sought."; **Page H3727**

Poe (TX) amendment that prohibits the use of funds to enforce section 221 of title 13, United States Code, with respect to the survey, conducted by the Secretary of Commerce, commonly referred to as the "American Community Survey";

Pages H3730–32

Goodlatte amendment that prohibits the use of funds to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel of the Department of Justice to negotiate or conclude a settlement with the Federal Government that includes terms requiring the defendant to donate or contribute funds to an organization or individual;

Pages H3733–34

Carter (TX) amendment that prohibits the use of funds to propose or to issue a rule that would change the Chief Law Enforcement Officer certificate requirement in a manner that has the same substance as the proposed rule published on Sept. 9, 2013

Pages H3735–36

Ellison amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the Department of Justice in violation of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution; or to repeal the guidance provided in the memorandum issued by the Attorney General on March 31, 2015; **Pages H3737–38**

Black amendment that prohibits the use of funds to require, pursuant to section 478.124 to title 27, or section 25.7 of title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, or the Office of Management and Budget Statistical Policy Directive No. 15, Race and Ethnic Standards for Federal Statistics and Administrative Reporting; **Pages H3739–40**

Meadows amendment that prohibits the use of funds to negotiate or enter into a trade agreement that establishes a limit on greenhouse gas emissions for the United States; **Page H3741**

Grayson amendment that prohibits the use of funds to enter into a contract with any offeror or any of its principals if the offeror certifies, as required by Federal Acquisition Regulation; **Pages H3741–42**

Hudson amendment that prohibits the use of funds to treat any M855 or SS. 109 type ammunition as armor piercing ammunition for purposes of chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code; **Pages H3742–43**

Perry amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement the United States Global Climate Research Program's National Climate Assessment, the Intergovernmental Report, the United Nation's Agenda 21 sustainable development plan, or the May 2013 Technical Update of the Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Impact Analysis under Executive Order 12866; **Page H3752**

Marino amendment that prohibits the use of funds for the Department of Justice's clemency initiative announced on April 23, 2014, or for Clemency Project 2014, or to transfer or temporarily assign employees to the Office of the Pardon Attorney for the purpose of screening clemency applications; and

Pages H3753–54

Austin Scott (GA) amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the NOAA to enforce:

1) Amendment 40 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico published in the Federal Register on April 22, 2015 or 2) Red Snapper in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico lasting longer than 5 times the number of days recreational fishers are allowed to catch and retain at least two such fish each day in such federal waters.

Pages H3754–55

Rejected:

McClintock amendment that sought to reduce funding for the International Trade Administration by \$311,788,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 154 ayes to 263 noes, Roll No. 270);

Pages H3678–79, H3697–98

Esty amendment that sought to increase funding for the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership of the National Institute of Standards of Technology by \$11,000,000 and reduce funding for buildings and facilities of the National Prison System by \$31,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 214 noes, Roll No. 271); **Pages H3683–84, H3698**

Cohen amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Legal Services Corporation by \$10,000,000 (agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the earlier request for a recorded vote to the end that the amendment stand adopted in accordance with the previous voice vote thereon);

Pages H3704–05

Byrne amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms salaries and expenses by \$250,000,000;

Pages H3707–08

Nadler amendment that sought to strike section 528 of the bill, which prohibits use of funds to construct, acquire, or modify any facility in the U.S., its territories, or possessions to house any individual who as of June 24, 2009, is located at U.S. Naval Air Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; and

Pages H3716–21

Blumenauer amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for any inspection under the Controlled Substances Act with respect to narcotic drugs or combinations of such drugs, being dispensed for maintenance or detoxification treatment.

Pages H3734–35

Withdrawn:

Goodlatte amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for Federal Prisoner Detention by \$293,000,000;

Pages H3674–75

Polquin amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for the International Trade Administration by \$44,000,000;

Pages H3677–78

Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$3,000,000 in funding within the NIST Scientific and Technical Research and Services;

Pages H3682–83

Austin Scott (GA) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have reduced funding for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's relocation of facilities account by \$3,200,000 and applied the savings to the spending reduction account;

Page H3684

Blumenauer amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$60,760,000 in funding within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's operations, research, and facilities;

Pages H3684–85

Guinta amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$70,000,000 in funding within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's operations, research, and facilities;

Pages H3685–86

Polis amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$30,000,000 in funding within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's operations, research, and facilities;

Pages H3686–87

Keating amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$1,750,000 in funding within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's operations, research, and facilities;

Pages H3688–89

Bonamici amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of June 1, 2015) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$21,559,000 in funding within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's operations, research, and facilities;

Pages H3689–91

Bridenstine amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$9,000,000 in funding within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's procurement, acquisition and construction;

Page H3691

Bonamici amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of June 1, 2015) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for Procurement, Acquisition, and

Construction for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration by \$380,000,000;

Pages H3691–92

Esty amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have struck section 532 from the bill, which prohibits use of funds to pay the salaries or expenses of personnel to deny, or fail to act on, an application for the importation of any model of shotgun if all other requirements of law with respect to the proposed importation are met and no application for the importation of such model of shotgun, in the same configuration, had been denied by the Attorney General prior to January 1, 2011, on the basis that the shotgun was not particularly suitable for or readily adaptable to sporting purposes; and strikes section 537 from the bill, which prohibits the use of funds to require a person licensed under section 923 of title 18, United States Code, to report information to the Department of Justice regarding the sale of multiple rifles or shotguns to the same person;

Pages H3721–22

Schweikert amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the use of funds be used to transfer cell site simulators, or IMSI Catcher, or similar cell phone tower mimicking technology to state and local law enforcement that haven't adopted procedures for the use of such technology that protects the constitutional rights of citizens;

Page H3724

Scott (VA) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have revised amounts in the bill by reducing the amount made available for the Federal Prison Systems salaries and expenses, and increasing the amount made available for Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention by \$69,515,000;

Page H3729

Lee amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have provided for States to require all individuals enrolled in an academy of a law enforcement agency of the State and all law enforcement officers of the State fulfill a training session on sensitivity each fiscal year, including training on ethnic and racial bias, cultural diversity, and police interaction with the disabled, mentally ill, and new immigrants;

Pages H3729–30

Poe (TX) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the use of funds for DNA analysis and capacity enhancement program and for other local, State, and Federal forensic activities for which funds are made available under this Act as part of the \$125 million for DNA-related forensic programs and activities; and

Page H3737

Richmond amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have reduced the ag-

gregate amount made available for Federal Prison System salaries and expenses, and by increasing the amount made available for the Office of Justice Programs, Juvenile Justice Programs for youth mentoring grants, by \$155,900,000.

Pages H3740–41

Point of Order sustained against:

Collins (GA) amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to provide assistance to a State, or political subdivision of a State, that has in effect any law, policy, or procedure in contravention of immigration laws.

Pages H3743–44

Proceedings Postponed:

Pittenger amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for salaries and expenses of the FBI by \$25,000,000;

Pages H3701–02

Nadler amendment that seeks to strike section 527 of the bill, which prohibits use of funds to transfer, release, or assist in the transfer or release to or within the U.S., its territories, or possessions Khalid Sheikh Mohammed or any other detainee who is not a U.S. citizen or a member of the Armed Forces of the U.S. and is or was held on or after June 24, 2009, at the U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, by the Department of Defense;

Pages H3716–21

Farr amendment that seeks to strike section 540 from the bill, which prohibits use of funds to facilitate, permit, license, or promote exports to the Cuban military or intelligence service or to any officer of the Cuban military or intelligence service, or an immediate family member thereof;

Pages H3722–24

Blackburn amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of June 1, 2015) that seeks to reduce amounts made available by 1 percent, except those amounts made available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and certain accounts of the Department of Justice;

Pages H3727–29

Foster amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to fund any Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) program;

Pages H3732–33

Bonamici amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of June 1, 2015) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used by the Department of Justice to prevent a State from implementing its own State laws that authorize the use, distribution, possession, or cultivation of industrial hemp, as defined in section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014;

Pages H3736–37

Ellison amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to enter into a contract with any person whose disclosures of a proceeding with a disposition listed in section 2313(c)(1) of title 41, United States Code, in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System include the term “Fair Labor Standards Act”;

Pages H3738–39

Grayson amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to negotiate or enter into a trade agreement whose negotiating texts are confidential;

Pages H3744–45

Rohrabacher amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds by various states to prevent any of them from implementing their own laws that authorize the use, distribution, possessions, or cultivation of medical marijuana;

Pages H3745–47

Grayson amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to compel a person to testify about information or sources that the person states in a motion to quash the subpoena that he has obtained as a journalist or reporter and that he regards as confidential;

Page H3747

McClintock amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds by various states to prevent any of them from implementing their own laws that authorize the use, distribution, possessions, or cultivation of marijuana on non-Federal lands within their respective jurisdictions;

Pages H3748–50

Perry amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to take any action to prevent a State from implementing any law that makes it lawful to possess, distribute, or use cannabidiol oil; and

Pages H3750–52

Garrett amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to enforce the Fair Housing Act in a manner that relies upon an allegation of liability under section 100.500 of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations.

Pages H3752–53

H. Res. 287, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2577) and (H.R. 2578) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 268, after the previous question was ordered.

Pages H3658–59

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3694.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3658–59, H3659, H3697–98, H3698–99 and H3699–H3700. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:05 a.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2015.

Committee Meetings

UPDATE ON THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF FARM COUNTRY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing entitled “Update on the Financial Health of Farm Country”. Testimony was heard from Nathan Kauffman, Assistant Vice President and Omaha

Branch Executive, Omaha Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the Defense Appropriations Bill for FY 2016. The Defense Appropriations Bill for FY 2016 was ordered reported, as amended.

QUADRENNIAL ENERGY REVIEW AND RELATED DISCUSSION DRAFTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “Quadrennial Energy Review and Related Discussion Drafts”. Testimony was heard from Ernest Moniz, Secretary, Department of Energy; Scott Martin, Commissioner, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

MEDICAID PROGRAM INTEGRITY: SCREENING OUT ERRORS, FRAUD, AND ABUSE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Medicaid Program Integrity: Screening Out Errors, Fraud, and Abuse”. Testimony was heard from Seto J. Bagdoyan, Director, Audit Services, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; and Shantanu Agrawal, M.D., Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

AN UPDATE ON THE TAKATA AIRBAG RUPTURES AND RECALLS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade held a hearing entitled “An Update on the Takata Airbag Ruptures and Recalls”. Testimony was heard from Mark R. Rosekind, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 2576, the “TSCA Modernization Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2583, the “Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2015”.

THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM: OVERSIGHT OF SUPERSTORM SANDY CLAIMS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “The National Flood Insurance Program: Oversight of Superstorm Sandy Claims”. Testimony was heard from Brad Kieserman, Deputy Associate Administrator, Insurance, Federal Insurance and Mitigation

Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

AMERICANS DETAINED IN IRAN; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Americans Detained in Iran”; and a markup on H. Res. 233, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Iran should immediately release the three United States citizens it holds, as well as provide all known information on any United States citizens that have disappeared within its borders. Testimony was heard from public witnesses. H. Res. 233 was ordered reported, without amendment.

STATE DEPARTMENT'S COUNTERTERRORISM BUREAU

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “State Department's Counterterrorism Bureau”. Testimony was heard from Charles Johnson, Jr., Director, International Security Issues, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and Justin Siberell, Deputy Coordinator for Regional Affairs and Programs, Bureau of Counterterrorism, Department of State.

THE OUTER RING OF BORDER SECURITY: DHS'S INTERNATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “The Outer Ring of Border Security: DHS's International Security Programs”. Testimony was heard from Alan D. Bersin, Assistant Secretary and Chief Diplomatic Officer, Office of Policy, Department of Homeland Security; John Wagner, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Lev J. Kubiak, Assistant Director, International Operations, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and Rebecca Gambler, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing on H.R. 2315, the “Mobile Workforce State Income Tax Simplification Act of 2015”; H.R. 1643, the “Digital Goods and Services Tax Fairness Act of 2015”; and the “Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING; FIRST AMENDMENT PROTECTIONS ON PUBLIC COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice held a business meeting to adopt rules of procedure for Private Claims Bills; and a hearing entitled “First Amendment Protections on Public College and University Campuses”. The rules of procedure for Private Claims Bills were adopted. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENSURING TRANSPARENCY THROUGH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ensuring Transparency through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMODITY END-USER RELIEF ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2289, the “Commodity End-User Relief Act”. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–2, a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–18 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides that the Committee on Appropriations may, at any time before 5 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 2015, file privileged reports to accompany measures making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. Testimony was heard from Chairman Conaway and Representative Peterson.

OVERSIGHT OF THE AMTRAK ACCIDENT IN PHILADELPHIA

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Amtrak Accident in Philadelphia”. Testimony was heard from Christopher Hart, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Sarah Feinberg, Acting Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 356, the “Wounded Warrior Employment Improvement Act”; H.R. 832, the “Veterans Employment and Training Service Longitudinal Study Act of 2015”; H.R. 1994, the “VA Accountability Act of 2015”; H.R. 2133, the “Servicemembers’ Choice in Transition Act”; H.R. 2275, the “Jobs for Veterans Act of 2015”; H.R. 2344, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the vocational rehabilitation programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 2360, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 2361, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority to provide work-study allowance for certain activities by individuals receiving educational assistance by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and a draft bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain modifications and improvements in the transfer of unused educational assistance benefits under the Post 9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Flores; Cook; and Sean Patrick Maloney of New York; Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Teresa W. Gerton, Acting Assistant Secretary, Veterans’ Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Susan S. Kelly, Director, Transition to Veterans Program Office, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 160, the “Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2015”; H.R. 1190, the “Protecting Seniors’ Access to Medicare Act of 2015”; S. 984, the “Steve Gleason Act of 2015”; S. 971, the “Medicare Independence at Home Medical Practice Demonstration Improvement Act of 2015”; H.R. 2580,

the “LTCH Technical Correction Act of 2015”; H.R. 2505, the “Medicare Advantage Coverage Transparency Act of 2015”; H.R. 2506, the “Seniors’ Health Care Plan Protection Act of 2015”; H.R. 2507, the “Increasing Regulatory Fairness Act of 2015”; H.R. 2579, the “Securing Care for Seniors Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2581, the “Preservation of Access for Seniors in Medicare Advantage Act of 2015”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 160, H.R. 2580, H.R. 2505, H.R. 2506, H.R. 2507, H.R. 2579, and H.R. 2581. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 1190, S. 984, and S. 971.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

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H.R. 1690, to designate the United States courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the “Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse”. Signed on May 29, 2015. (Public Law 114–20)

H.R. 2353, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund. Signed on May 29, 2015. (Public Law 114–21)

S. 178, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking. Signed on May 29, 2015. (Public Law 114–22)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine challenges and implications of EPA’s proposed national ambient air quality standard for ground-level ozone, including S. 638, to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to exceptional event demonstrations, S. 751, to improve the establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards, and S. 640, to amend the Clean Air Act to delay the review and revision of the national ambient air quality standards for ozone, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “Audit & Appeal Fairness, Integrity, and Reforms in Medicare Act of 2015”, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine implications of the Iran nuclear agreement for United States policy in the Middle East, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on ensuring college affordability, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine top government investigator positions left unfilled for years, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: business meeting to consider S. 1292, to amend the Small Business Act to treat certain qualified disaster areas as HUBZones and to extend the period for HUBZone treatment for certain base closure areas, an original bill entitled, “Recovery Improvements for Small Entities (RISE) After Disaster Act of 2015”, an original resolution expressing the sense of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate that the rule relating to the definition of the term “waters of the United States” under the Clean Water Act will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, the nomination of Douglas J. Kramer, of Kansas, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 207, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran, S. 297, to revive and expand the Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 425, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration programs and to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under such programs, S. 471, to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 684, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of services for homeless veterans, and other pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Review of Agricultural Subsidies in Foreign Countries”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, markup on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, FY 2016, 10:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Congressional Budget Office: Oversight Hearing”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Compulsory Unionization

through Grievance Fees: The NLRB’s Assault on Right-to-Work”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2576, the “TSCA Modernization Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2583, the “Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2015” (continued), 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “Discussion Draft on Accountability and Department of Energy Perspectives on Title IV: Energy Efficiency”, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Export-Import Bank’s Reauthorization Request and the Government’s Role in Export Financing”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Towards ISIL After Terror Group Seizes Ramadi and Palmyra”, 12 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “The Future of U.S.-Zimbabwe Relations”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Terrorism Gone Viral: The Attack in Garland, Texas and Beyond”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee, hearing entitled “House Officer Priorities for 2016 and Beyond”, 1 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on a discussion draft entitled the “Returning Resilience to our Overgrown, Fire-prone National Forests Act of 2015”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ensuring Agency Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Road Ahead: Small Businesses and the Need for a Long-Term Surface Transportation Reauthorization”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Assessing VA’s Ability to Promptly Pay Non-VA Providers”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing entitled “Protecting the Safety Net from Waste, Fraud, and Abuse”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment effects of the Affordable Care Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 1735, National Defense Authorization Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Wednesday, June 3

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Continue consideration of H.R. 2578—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 2577—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 (Subject to a Rule).

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