

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3889–S3976

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1528–1534, and S. Res. 195–197.

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Measures Passed:

Collector Car Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 196, designating July 10, 2015, as Collector Car Appreciation Day and recognizing that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States.

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Access to Federally Funded Facilities: Senate agreed to S. Res. 197, recognizing the need to improve physical access to many federally funded facilities for all people of the United States, particularly people with disabilities.

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Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act: Senate passed S. 611, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems.

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Water Resources Research Amendments Act: Senate passed S. 653, to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under that Act.

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Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1735, 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

McCain (for Hoeven) Amendment No. 1485 (to Amendment No. 1463), to express the sense of the

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Senate on the nuclear force improvement program of the Air Force.

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McCain (for Heller/Casey) Amendment No. 1510 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require a report on the interoperability between electronic health records systems of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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McCain (for Rounds) Amendment No. 1520 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require the Secretary of Defense to develop a comprehensive plan to support civil authorities in response to cyber attacks by foreign powers.

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McCain (for Wicker) Amendment No. 1538 (to Amendment No. 1463), to allow for improvements to the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

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McCain (for Ernst) Amendment No. 1579 (to Amendment No. 1463), to express the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should maintain and enhance robust military intelligence support to force protection for installations, facilities, and personnel of the Department of Defense and the family members of such personnel.

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McCain (for Moran) Amendment No. 1622 (to Amendment No. 1463), to express the sense of Congress on reviewing and considering findings and recommendations of the Council of Governors regarding cyber capabilities of the Armed Forces.

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McCain (for Rubio) Amendment No. 1791 (to Amendment No. 1463), to authorize a land exchange at Navy Outlying Field, Naval Air Station, Whiting Field, Florida.

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Reed (for Udall) Amendment No. 1677 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require the Secretary of Defense to submit information to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to the exposure of members of the Armed Forces to airborne hazards and open burn pits.

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Reed (for Wyden) Amendment No. 1701 (to Amendment No. 1463), to improve the provisions relating to adoption of retired military working dogs.

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Reed (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 1733 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require a report on plans for the use and availability of airfields in the United States for homeland defense missions.

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Reed (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 1739 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require a conflict of interest certification for Inspector General investigations relating to whistleblower retaliation.

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Reed (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1744 (to Amendment No. 1463), to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain major medical facility projects for which appropriations were made for fiscal year 2015.

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Reed (for Heitkamp) Amendment No. 1781 (to Amendment No. 1463), to improve the report on the strategy to protect United States national security interests in the Arctic region.

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Reed (for Cardin) Amendment No. 1796 (to Amendment No. 1463), to express the sense of the Senate on finding efficiencies within the working capital fund activities of the Department of Defense.

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Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 205), Reed Amendment No. 1521 (to Amendment No. 1463), to limit the availability of amounts authorized to be appropriated for overseas contingency operations pending relief from the spending limits under the Budget Control Act of 2011.

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Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 1463, in the nature of a substitute.

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McCain Amendment No. 1456 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require additional information supporting long-range plans for construction of naval vessels.

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Cornyn Amendment No. 1486 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require reporting on energy security issues involving Europe and the Russian Federation, and to express the sense of Congress regarding ways the United States could help vulnerable allies and partners with energy security.

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Vitter Amendment No. 1473 (to Amendment No. 1463), to limit the retirement of Army combat units.

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Markey Amendment No. 1645 (to Amendment No. 1463), to express the sense of Congress that exports of crude oil to United States allies and partners should not be determined to be consistent with the national interest if those exports would increase energy prices in the United States for American consumers or businesses or increase the reliance of the United States on imported oil.

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Reed (for Blumenthal) Amendment No. 1564 (to Amendment No. 1463), to increase civil penalties for violations of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

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McCain (for Paul) Modified Amendment No. 1543 (to Amendment No. 1463), to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government.

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Reed (for Durbin) Modified Amendment No. 1559 (to Amendment No. 1463), to prohibit the award of Department of Defense contracts to inverted domestic corporations.

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McCain (for Burr) Amendment No. 1569 (to Amendment No. 1463), to ensure criminal background checks of employees of the military child care system and providers of child care services and youth program services for military dependents.

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Feinstein (for McCain) Amendment No. 1889 (to Amendment No. 1463), to reaffirm the prohibition on torture.

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Fischer/Booker Amendment No. 1825 (to Amendment No. 1463), to authorize appropriations for national security aspects of the Merchant Marine for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

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Burr/McCain Amendment No. 1921 (to Amendment No. 1569), to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 10, 2015.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Executive Reports of Committees:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Privileges of the Floor:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—205)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3976.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, “Fiscal Year 2016 Department of Defense Appropriations”.

ENERGY ACCOUNTABILITY AND REFORM LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 15, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to recognize the authority of States to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation, S. 454, to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, S. 784, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish microlabs to improve regional engagement with national laboratories, S. 1033, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to replace the current requirement for a biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review, S. 1054, to improve the productivity and energy efficiency of the manufacturing sector by directing the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the National Academies and other appropriate Federal agencies, to develop a national smart manufacturing plan and to provide assistance to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs, S. 1068, to amend the Federal Power Act to protect the bulk-power system from cyber security threats, S. 1181, to expand the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Program to include commercial trucks and United States flagged vessels, to return unspent funds and loan proceeds to the United States Treasury to reduce the national debt, S. 1187, to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate public-private partnerships, S. 1216, to amend the Natural Gas Act to modify a provision relating to civil penalties, S. 1218, to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency, S. 1221, to amend the Federal Power Act to require periodic reports on electricity reliability and reliability impact statements for rules affecting the reliable operation of the bulk-power system, S. 1223, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve the loan guarantee program for innovative tech-

nologies, S. 1229, to require the Secretary of Energy to submit a plan to implement recommendations to improve interactions between the Department of Energy and National Laboratories, S. 1230, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program under which the Director of the Bureau of Land Management shall enter into memoranda of understanding with States providing for State oversight of oil and gas production activities, S. 1241, to provide for the modernization, security, and resiliency of the electric grid, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs for research, development, demonstration, and information-sharing for cybersecurity for the energy sector, S. 1256, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy storage research program, loan program, and technical assistance and grant program, S. 1258, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a distributed energy loan program and technical assistance and grant program, S. 1259, to establish a grant program to allow National Laboratories to provide vouchers to small business concerns to improve commercialization of technologies developed at National Laboratories and the technology-driven economic impact of commercialization in the regions in which National Laboratories are located, S. 1263, to provide for the establishment of a Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund to assist United States businesses with exporting clean energy technology products and services, S. 1274, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to reauthorize Federal agencies to enter into long-term contracts for the acquisition of energy, S. 1275, to establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program in the Department of Energy to provide financial assistance to promote energy efficiency and onsite renewable technologies in manufacturing and industrial facilities, S. 1277, to improve energy savings by the Department of Defense, S. 1293, to establish the Department of Energy as the lead agency for coordinating all requirements under Federal law with respect to eligible clean coal and advanced coal technology generating projects, S. 1306, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to use existing funding available to further projects that would improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions, S. 1310, to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing new oil or natural gas production leases in the Gulf of Mexico under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to a person that does not renegotiate its existing leases in order to require royalty payments if oil and natural gas prices are greater than or equal to specified price thresholds, S. 1311, to amend the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 and the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to modify

certain penalties to deter oil spills, S. 1312, to modernize Federal policies regarding the supply and distribution of energy in the United States, S. 1338, to amend the Federal Power Act to provide licensing procedures for certain types of projects, S. 1340, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to improve coal leasing, S. 1346, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an e-prize competition pilot program to provide up to 4 financial awards to eligible entities that develop and verifiably demonstrate technology that reduces the cost of electricity or space heat in a high-cost region, S. 1363, to require the Secretary of Energy to submit to Congress a report assessing the capability of the Department of Energy to authorize, host, and oversee privately funded fusion and fission reactor prototypes and related demonstration facilities at sites owned by the Department of Energy, S. 1398, to extend, improve, and consolidate energy research and development programs, S. 1405, to require a coordinated response to coal fuel supply emergencies that could impact electric power system adequacy or reliability, S. 1407, to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, S. 1408, to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy, S. 1420, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to provide for the collection of information on critical energy supplies, to establish a Working Group on Energy Markets, S. 1422, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a comprehensive program to improve education and training for energy- and manufacturing-related jobs to increase the number of skilled workers trained to work in energy and manufacturing-related fields, S. 1428, to amend the USEC Privatization Act to require the Secretary of Energy to issue a long-term Federal excess uranium inventory management plan, S. 1432, to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study on the technology, potential lifecycle energy savings, and economic impact of recycled carbon fiber, S. 1434, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish an energy storage portfolio standard, S. 1449, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to add certain medium-duty and heavy-duty vehicles to the advanced technology vehicles manufacturing incentive program, and H.R. 35, to increase the understanding of the health effects of low doses of ionizing radiation, after receiving testimony from Lynn Orr, Under Secretary of Energy for Science and Energy; Colleen McAleer, Port of Port Angeles, Port Angeles, Washington; Norman R. Augustine, Bipartisan Policy Center, Bethesda, Maryland, on behalf of the American Energy Innovation Council; Karen Harbert, Chamber of Commerce Institute for 21st

Century Energy, Washington, D.C.; Duane D. Highley, Arkansas Electric Cooperative, Little Rock, on behalf of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association; and Mark P. Mills, Manhattan Institute, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S.756, to require a report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria;

An original bill entitled, “Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016”; and

The nominations of Azita Raji, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden, Nancy Bikoff Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, Gregory T. Delawie, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Ian C. Kelly, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Georgia, Julieta Valls Noyes, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State, and Sunil Sabharwal, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

OVERSIGHT OF THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Transportation Security Administration, focusing on first-hand and government watchdog accounts of agency challenges, after receiving testimony from Becky Roering, Assistant Federal Security Director—Inspections, and Robert J. MacLean, Federal Air Marshall, Office of Law Enforcement, Federal Air Marshall Service, both of the Transportation Security Administration, and John Roth, Inspector General, all of the Department of Homeland Security; and Jennifer Grover, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of David J. Shulkin, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Health, and LaVerne Horton Council, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary (Information and Technology), both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 2688–2708 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 906, to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–142);

H.R. 1734, to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals and establish requirements for the proper management and disposal of coal combustion residuals that are protective of human health and the environment (H. Rept. 114–143);

H.R. 2596, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–144, Part 1); and

H. Res. 303, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2685) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2393) to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to repeal country of origin labeling requirements with respect to beef, pork, and chicken, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–145). **Page H4000**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Farenthold to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3923**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H3925**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a voice vote. **Page H3925**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened at 3:02 p.m. **Page H3926**

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

United States Grain Standards Act Reauthorization Act of 2015: H.R. 2088, amended, to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to improve inspection services performed at export elevators at export port locations, and to reauthorize certain au-

thorities of the Secretary of Agriculture under such Act; **Pages H3926–29**

Mandatory Price Reporting Act of 2015: H.R. 2051, amended, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the livestock mandatory price reporting requirements; **Pages H3929–31**

National Forest Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2015: H.R. 2394, amended, to reauthorize the National Forest Foundation Act; **Pages H3931–32**

Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act: H.R. 235, to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act; and **Pages H3952–56**

Foreign Cultural Exchange Jurisdictional Immunity Clarification Act: H.R. 889, to amend chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereign immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title. **Pages H3956–59**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:54 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H3963**

Commodity End-User Relief Act: The House passed 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, and to help keep consumer costs low, by a yea-and-nay vote of 246 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 309. **Pages H3932–52, 3963–64**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–18 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Agriculture now printed in the bill. **Pages H3940–48**

Agreed by unanimous consent that amendments No. 2 and 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–136 may be considered out of sequence. **Page H3950**

Agreed to:

Conaway amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–136) that makes conforming and technical changes; **Page H3948**

Moore amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 114–136) that narrows the scope of the provisions in the bill to ensure that only swap data, and not any other data, held by an SDR is required to be shared with other regulators; ensures that the language in

the Securities Exchange Act and the Commodity Exchange Act mirror each other; **Pages H3949–50**

Walorski amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–136) that adds “Status of consultations with all U.S. market participants including major producers and consumers”; **Page H3950**

Plaskett amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–136) that expresses a sense of Congress that the Commodity Futures Trading Commission should take all appropriate actions to encourage applications for positions in the Office of the Chief Economist from members of minority groups, women, disabled persons, and veterans; and **Page H3951**

Takai amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–136) that requires a report to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a summary of any plans of action and milestones for any known information security vulnerability. **Pages H3951–52**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H3999**

H. Res. 288, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2289) was agreed to on June 3rd.

Oath of Office—First Congressional District of Mississippi: Representative-elect Trent Kelly presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a scanned copy of a letter received from the Honorable C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr., Mississippi Secretary of State, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held June 2, 2015, the Honorable Trent Kelly was elected Representative to Congress for the First Congressional District, State of Mississippi. **Pages H3964–65**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Mississippi, the whole number of the House is 434. **Page H3965**

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016: The House passed H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 329. Consideration began June 3rd. **Pages H3965–98**

Rejected the Delaney motion to recommit to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the

House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 328.

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Agreed to:

Gosar amendment that was debated on June 4th that prohibits the use of funds to carry out the rule entitled “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing”, published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Federal Register on July 19, 2013 (by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 311); **Page H3966**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2015) that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of section 5309 of title 49, United States Code; **Page H3973**

Engel amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of June 2, 2015) that prohibits the use of funds to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles for any executive fleet, or for an agency’s fleet inventory, except in accordance with the Presidential Memorandum dated May 24, 2011; **Pages H3976–77**

Newhouse amendment that prohibits the use of funds to issue, implement, or enforce regulations by the FAA for operations and certification of small unmanned aircraft systems in contravention to 14 CFR 21.25(b)(1); **Page H3979**

Bass amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the FTA to implement, administer, or enforce section 18.36(c)(2) of title 49, for construction hiring purposes; **Page H3982**

Zeldin amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the Administrator of the FAA to institute an administrative or civil action or disposition of penalties against the sponsor of East Hampton Airport in East Hampton, NY; **Pages H3982–83**

Denham amendment that prohibits the use of funds for high-speed rail in the State of California or for the California High-Speed Rail Authority, nor may any be used by the Federal Railroad Administration to administer a grant agreement with the California High-Speed Rail Authority that contains a tapered matching requirement; **Pages H3984–85**

Mullin amendment that prohibits the use of funds to enforce subpart B of part 750 of title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, regarding signs for service clubs and religious notices as defined in section 153(p) of such part; **Page H3986**

Yoho amendment that prohibits the use of funds to use in contravention of subpart E of part 5 of regulations of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (24 C.F.R. Part 5, Subpart E; relating to restrictions on assistance to noncitizens) (by a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 319); **Pages H3972–73, H3990–91**

Brooks (AL) amendment that prohibits the use of funds to provide financial assistance in contravention

of section 214(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980 (by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 320);

Pages H3975–76, H3991

Hultgren amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the FAA for the bio-data assessment in the hiring of Air Traffic Control Specialists (by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 321);

Pages H3977–78, H3991–92

Garrett amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the final rule entitled “Implementation of the Fair Housing Act’s Discriminatory Effects Standard”, published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 323);

Pages H3979–80, H3993

Peters amendment that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of Executive Order 11246 (relating to Equal Employment Opportunity) (by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 184 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 326); and

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Issa amendment that prohibits the use of funds to acquire a camera for the purpose of collecting or storing vehicle license plate numbers (by a recorded vote of 297 ayes to 129 noes, Roll No. 327).

Pages H3988–90, H3995–96

Rejected:

Blackburn amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2015) that was debated on June 4th that sought to reduce each amount made available by this Act by 1 percent (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 259 noes, Roll No. 310);

Pages H3965–66

Gosar amendment that was debated on June 4th that sought to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the rule entitled “Hazardous Materials: Enhanced Tank Car Standards and Operational Controls for High-Hazard Flammable Trains” (by a recorded vote of 136 ayes to 286 noes, Roll No. 312);

Pages H3966–67

Posey amendment that was debated on June 4th that sought to prohibit the use of funds by the Department of Transportation to take any actions with respect to the financing of passenger rail projects along Florida’s East Coast (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 313);

Pages H3967–68

Sessions amendment that was debated on June 4th that sought to prohibit the use of funds to support Amtrak’s route with the highest loss, measured by contributions/(Loss) per Rider (by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 218 noes, Roll No. 314);

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Sessions amendment that was debated on June 4th that sought to prohibit the use of funds to support any Amtrak route whose costs exceed 2 times its revenues (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 315);

Pages H3968–69

Schiff amendment that was debated on June 4th that sought to prohibit the use of funds to enforce section 47524 of title 49, with regard to noise or access restriction of the Bob Hope Airport in Burbank, CA (by a recorded vote of 157 ayes to 266 noes, Roll No. 316);

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Posey amendment that was debated on June 4th that sought to prohibit the use of funds by the Department of Transportation to authorize exempt facility bonds to finance passenger rail projects that cannot attain the speed of 150 mph (by a recorded vote of 148 ayes to 275 noes, Roll No. 317);

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Posey amendment that was debated on June 4th that sought to prohibit the use of funds by the Department of Transportation to make a loan in an amount that exceeds \$600,000,000 under the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act (by a recorded vote of 134 ayes to 287 noes, Roll No. 318);

Pages H3970–71

Grothman amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for any family who is not an elderly family or a disabled family of the United States Housing Act and who was not receiving project-based rental assistance under section 8 of such Act as of Oct. 1, 2015, and the amount otherwise provided under such heading is reduced by \$300,000,000;

Pages H3986–87

Grothman amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for any family who is not an elderly family or a disabled family and who was not receiving tenant-based rental assistance under section 8 of such Act;

Pages H3987–88

Meehan amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for Amtrak capital grants may be used for projects off the Northeast Corridor until the level of capital spending by Amtrak for capital projects on the Northeast Corridor during fiscal year 2016 equals the amount of Amtrak’s profits from Northeast Corridor operations during FY 2015 (by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 322);

Pages H3978, H3992–93

Ellison amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for contracts to entities that have violated the Fair Labor Standards Act (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 324); and

Pages H3980–81, H3993–94

Emmer (MN) (No. 28 printed in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2015) amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to carry out any enrichment for any New Start grant request (by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 214 noes, Roll No. 325);

Pages H3981–82, H3994

Withdrawn:

Maxine Waters (CA) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the use of funds to establish any asset management position of the Office of Multifamily Housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, or newly hire an employee for any asset management position, that is located at a Core office before filling each such asset management position that is located at a Non-Core office; **Page H3972**

Newhouse amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the use of funds to issue, implement, or enforce the proposed regulation by the FAA entitled “Operation and Certification of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems” without consideration of the use of small unmanned aircraft systems for agricultural operations; and **Pages H3978–79**

Lewis (GA) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have added a new section at the end of the bill pertaining to reverse mortgage survivor benefits. **Pages H3983–84**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Pages H3998–99**

H. Res. 287, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2577) and (H.R. 2578) was agreed to on June 2nd.

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

Supporting local law enforcement agencies in their continued work to serve our communities, and supporting their use of body worn cameras to promote transparency to protect both citizens and officers alike: H. Res. 295, supporting local law enforcement agencies in their continued work to serve our communities, and supporting their use of body worn cameras to promote transparency to protect both citizens and officers alike. **Pages H3959–63**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and nineteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3963–64, H3965–66, H3966, H3966–67, H3967–68, H3968, H3969, H3969–70, H3970, H3971, H3990–91, H3991, H3991–92, H3992–93, H3993, H3993–94, H3994, H3995. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 11:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING

AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2015; DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2393, the “Country of Origin Labeling Amendments Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2685, the “Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2016”. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a modified-open rule for H.R. 2685. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule provides that after general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule except that: (1) amendments shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to amendment; and (2) no pro forma amendments shall be in order except that the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also grants a closed rule for H.R. 2393. The rule provides one hour of 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 provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Agriculture now printed in the bill 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. Testimony was heard from Chairman Conaway, and Representatives Frelinghuysen, Visclosky, Massie, and DeLauro.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 10, 2015**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016”, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine passenger rail safety, focusing on accident prevention and on-going efforts to implement train control technology, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 145, to require the Director of the National Park Service to refund to States all State funds that were used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the October 2013 shutdown, S. 146, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with States and political subdivisions of States providing for the continued operation, in whole or in part, of public land, units of the National Park System, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and units of the National Forest System in the State during any period in which the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture is unable to maintain normal level of operations at the units due to a lapse in appropriations, S. 319, to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Mount Denali, S. 329, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 403, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, S. 521, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of President Station in Baltimore, Maryland, S. 610, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, Maryland and for other purposes, S. 782, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park, S. 873, to designate the wilderness within the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska as the Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Area, and S. 1483, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in Columbia, Tennessee, as a unit of the National Park System, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 1140, to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term “waters of the United States”, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nominations of Anne Elizabeth Wall, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, and Brodi L. Fontenot, of Lou-

isiana, to be Chief Financial Officer, both of the Department of the Treasury, and Rafael J. Lopez, of California, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on verification and assessment, focusing on how to create a successful inspection regime, 5 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine health information exchange, focusing on a path towards improving the quality and value of health care for patients, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Peter V. Neffenger, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, and David S. Shapira, of Pennsylvania, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2019, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management: to hold hearings to examine wasteful spending in the Federal government, focusing on an outside perspective, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 248, to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine addressing the need for victim services in Indian County, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the Federal regulatory system to improve accountability, transparency and integrity, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Luis Felipe Restrepo, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Travis Randall McDonough, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, and Waverly D. Crenshaw, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, 1:30 p.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the proliferation of unwanted calls, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: The Means to Climbing the Economic Ladder”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, markup on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2016, 10:15 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Reviewing the Rules and Regulations Implementing Federal Wage and Hour Standards”, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, markup on H.R. 805, the “Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters Act of 2015”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “Iran’s Enduring Ballistic Missile Threat”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “Defense Support of Civil Authorities: A Vital Resource in the Nation’s Homeland Security Missions”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 487, to allow the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to lease or transfer certain lands; H.R. 2212, to take certain Federal lands located in Lassen County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Susanville Indian Rancheria, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2387, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for equitable allotment of land to Alaska Native veterans, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 387, the “Economic Development Through Tribal Land Exchange Act”; H.R. 521, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska; H.R. 1289, the “John Muir National Historic Site Expansion Act”; H.R. 1992, the “American Soda Ash Competitiveness Act”; H.R. 2295, the “National Energy Security Corridors Act”; H.R. 2358, the “Electricity Reliability and Forest Protection Act”; and H.R. 2647, the “Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2015”, 4 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on the Interior, hearing entitled “The Impact of Executive Order 13658 on Public Land Guides and Outfitters”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, joint hearing entitled “The Federal Information Technology Reform Act’s Role in Reducing IT Acquisition Risk”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, June 10, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2596, the “Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2499, “Veterans Entrepreneurship Act of 2015”; H.R. 208, “Superstorm Sandy Relief Act of 2015”; H.R. 1023, “Small Business Investment Company Capital Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2670, “Microloan Modernization Act of 2015”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “One Year Anniversary after Enactment: Implementation of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Prescription Mismanagement and the Risk of Veteran Suicide”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing on Obamacare implementation and the Department of Health and Human Services FY16 Budget request, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the escalating threat of ISIL in Central Asia, 2 p.m., 2175, Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 10

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

Senate Chamber

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

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 2393—Country of Origin Labeling Amendments Act of 2015 (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 2685—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2016 (Subject to a Rule).

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