

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2146, Defending Public Safety Employees' Retirement Act.

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1295, Trade Preferences Extension Act, with an amendment.

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 19, Adjournment Resolution.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4557–S4617*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-two bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1655–1676, S. Res. 211–213, and S. Con. Res. 19.

**Pages S4601–02**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016". (S. Rept. No. 114–72)

S. 282, to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–71)

H.R. 728, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7050 Highway BB in Cedar Hill, Missouri, as the "Sergeant First Class William B. Woods, Jr. Post Office".

H.R. 891, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Paloma Drive in Floresville, Texas, as the "Floresville Veterans Post Office Building".

H.R. 1326, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Mulford Road in Mulberry, Florida, as the "Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office".

H.R. 1350, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 East 167th Street in Bronx, New York, as the "Herman Badillo Post Office Building".

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#### Measures Passed:

**Condemning the Attack in South Carolina:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 212, condemning the attack on Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, and expressing encouragement and prayers for all affected by this evil assault.

**Pages S4582–3**

**Revoking the Charter of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma:** Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 533, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and the bill was then passed.

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**Adjournment Resolution:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 19, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

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#### House Messages:

**Defending Public Safety Employees' Retirement Act House Message:** By 60 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 219) Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2146, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, after taking action on the following motion and amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S4559–82**

#### Withdrawn:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Amendment No. 2060 (to the House

Amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill), to change the enactment date. **Page S4582**

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

McConnell Amendment No. 2061 (to Amendment No. 2060), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Amendment No. 2060 (listed above) was withdrawn. **Page S4582**

**Trade Preferences Extension Act:** Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1295, to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, with McConnell/Hatch Amendment No. 2065 (to the House Amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill), in the nature of a substitute, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4583–84**

Withdrawn:

McConnell Amendment No. 2066 (to Amendment No. 2065), to change the enactment date. **Page S4584**

McConnell motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2067, to change the enactment date. **Page S4584**

McConnell Amendment No. 2068 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2067), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4584**

McConnell Amendment No. 2069 (to Amendment No. 2068), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4584**

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

By 76 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 220), 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 motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell/Hatch Amendment No. 2065 (to the House Amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill) (listed above). **Page S4583**

**Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act:** Senate continued consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 644, to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Hatch, Cornyn, Thune, Isakson, Wyden, Schumer, and Stabenow. **Pages S4584, S4608**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture motion relative to McConnell motion to insist upon the Senate amendment, request a conference with the House of Representatives, and authorize the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees, be withdrawn. **Page S4583**

**Every Child Achieves Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, Senate begin consideration of S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves. **Page S4608**

**Stoll Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Kara Farnandez Stoll, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit; that Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Page S4608**

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

Nancy Bikoff Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia. **Pages S4584–95, S4617**

Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland. **Pages S4584–95, S4617**

Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan. **Pages S4584–95, S4617**

Anne Elizabeth Wall, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S4584–95, S4617**

Gregory T. Delawie, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo. **Pages S4584–95, S4617**

Ian C. Kelly, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Georgia. **Pages S4584–95, S4617**

Julieta Valls Noyes, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia. **Pages S4584–95, S4617**

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

Kenneth J. Kopocis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Janet Garvin McCabe, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S4612–17**

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| Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today.<br>(Total—220) | Pages S4582, S4583 |

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 9:50 a.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4610.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### THE FAIRNESS FOR CRIME VICTIMS ACT OF 2015

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1495, to curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund to inflate spending.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1647, to amend title 23, United States Code, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs, with amendments.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 607, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program;

S. 1349, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals;

S. 1461, to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2015;

S. 313, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of pro-

viders allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare;

S. 1253, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of certain disposable medical technologies under the Medicare program;

S. 1347, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful EHR use;

S. 704, to establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible Medicare beneficiaries;

S. 1362, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to clarify waiver authority regarding programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE programs);

S. 861, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs;

S. 349, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to empower individuals with disabilities to establish their own supplemental needs trusts;

S. 466, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives; and

S. 599, to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project.

### WMD NEGOTIATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine lessons learned from past WMD negotiations, after receiving testimony from William Tobey, and Graham T. Allison, both of Harvard University Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1629, to revise certain authorities of the District of Columbia courts, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia;

S. 1576, to amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees;

S. 742, to appropriately limit the authority to award bonuses to employees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1550, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish entities tasked with improving program and project management in certain Federal agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1616, to provide for the identification and prevention of improper payments and the identification of strategic sourcing opportunities by reviewing and analyzing the use of Federal agency charge cards;

S. 1580, to allow additional appointing authorities to select individuals from competitive service certificates;

S. 1090, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance;

S. 1603, to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1115, to close out expired, empty grant accounts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 310, to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government;

S. 991, to establish the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1620, to reduce duplication of information technology at the Department of Homeland Security;

S. 1638, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress information on the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region;

H.R. 728, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7050 Highway BB in Cedar Hill, Missouri, as the "Sergeant First Class William B. Woods, Jr. Post Office";

H.R. 891, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Paloma Drive in Floresville, Texas, as the "Floresville Veterans Post Office Building";

H.R. 1326, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Mulford Road in Mulberry, Florida, as the "Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office";

H.R. 1350, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 East 167th Street in Bronx, New York, as the "Herman Badillo Post Office Building"; and

The nominations of Carol Fortine Ochoa, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, General Services Administration, and Steven M. Wellner, and William Ward Nooter, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

## NATIVE YOUTH SUICIDE

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine demanding results to end Native youth suicides, after receiving testimony

from Robert G. McSwain, Acting Director, Indian Health Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Collins Clifford, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, South Dakota; Darrell G. Seki, Sr., Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Red Lake, Minnesota; and Teresa D. LaFromboise, Stanford University Graduate School of Education, Stanford, California.

## HEALTH CARE AND BENEFITS LEGISLATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 469, to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their spouses or partners, S. 901, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, S. 1082, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, S. 1085, to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, S. 1117, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to remove senior executives of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other employees of the Department, H.R. 91, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans, an original bill entitled, "Jason Simcakoski Memorial Opioid Safety Act", and an original bill entitled, "Biological Implant Tracking and Veterans Safety Act", after receiving testimony from Rajiv Jain, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary Veterans Affairs for Health for Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration; Ian de Planque, The American Legion, Peter B. Hegseth, Concerned Veterans for America, Adrian M. Atizado, Disabled American Veterans, Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Max Stier, Partnership for Public Service, all of Washington, D.C.; and John Rowan, Vietnam Veterans of America, Queens, New York.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016".

**CAREER REINVENTIONS AND THE NEW RETIREMENT WORKSPACE**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine work in retirement, focusing on career reinventions and the new retirement workscape, after receiving testimony from Sara E. Rix, Work and Aging, and Kerry Hannon, *Forbes*, both of Washington, D.C.; Susan E. Nordman, Erda, Dexter, Maine; and James C. Godwin, Jr., Bon Secours Virginia Health System, Richmond.

**CANNABIDIOL**

*United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control:* Caucus concluded a hearing to examine cannabidiol, focusing on barriers to research and potential medical benefits, after receiving testimony from Joseph T. Rannazzisi, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Douglas C. Throckmorton, Deputy Director for Regulatory Programs, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, and Nora D. Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; John Bradford Ingram, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson; Kevin A. Sabet, SAM, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Thomas Minahan, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, Colton, California.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 2867–2885; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 58; and H. Res. 336–337, 339, were introduced. **Pages H4650–51**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4651–52**

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

S. 984, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and to remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment under the Medicare Program with respect to speech generating devices (H. Rept. 114–178, Part 1); and

H. Res. 338, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1295) to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–179). **Pages H4649–50**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4595**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4602**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy, Shri

Sai Cultural & Community Center, Seattle, Washington. **Pages H4602–03**

**Ratepayer Protection Act of 2015:** The House passed H.R. 2042, to allow for judicial review of any final rule addressing carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units before requiring compliance with such rule, and to allow States to protect households and businesses from significant adverse effects on electricity ratepayers or reliability, by a recorded vote of 247 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 384. **Pages H4617–33**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–20 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H4624**

Agreed to:

Huizenga (MI) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–177) that offers a sense of Congress that the EPA should specifically address how the megawatt hours discharged from pumped hydroelectric storage will be incorporated in State and Federal implementation plans created by final rules made under section (2)(b) of this bill; and **Pages H4627–28**

Newhouse amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–177) that directs the EPA to recognize hydropower as a renewable energy source when issuing,



implementing, and enforcing any final rule to address carbon dioxide emissions from existing sources under section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act.

Pages H4629–30

Rejected:

Pallone amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–177) that sought to require a governor wishing to opt out of the Clean Power Plan, to include a certification that electric generating units are sources of carbon pollution that contribute to human-induced climate change; and the state or federal plan to reduce carbon emissions from electric generating units would promote national security, economic growth and public health by addressing human induced climate change through the increased use of clean energy, energy efficiency and reductions in carbon pollution (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 381);

Pages H4725–26, H4630

Rush amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–177) that sought to require a governor's determination and shall also include certification that the inapplicability of a state or federal plan will not have a significant adverse effect on costs associated with a State's plan to respond to extreme weather events associated with human-caused climate change, including flooding, intense storms, frequent wildfires, and increased drought (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 382); and

Pages H4626–27, H4630–31

McNerney amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 114–177) that sought to require a state public utility commission/public service commission and the Electric Reliability Organization to conduct an analysis of any state or federal plan (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 383).

Pages H4628–29, H4631–32

H. Res. 333, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2822) and (H.R. 2042) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 380, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 379.

Pages H4608–17

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, June 25.

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**Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer:** Representative Thompson (MS) announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 7:51 p.m. and reconvened at 8:32 p.m.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H4633 and H4347–48.

**Senate Referral:** S. Con. Res. 19 was held at the desk.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4615, H4616, H4630, H4630–31, H4631–32, and H4632–33. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### REVIEW OF U.S. INTERNATIONAL FOOD AID PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a hearing on review of U.S. international food aid programs. Testimony was heard from Phil Karsting, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture; and Thomas H. Staal, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held a markup on the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill for FY 2016. The Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill for FY 2016 was ordered reported, as amended.

### THE COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGY AGAINST THE ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND THE LEVANT (ISIL): ARE WE ON THE RIGHT PATH?

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “The Counterterrorism Strategy Against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL): Are We on the Right Path?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CHILD NUTRITION ASSISTANCE: LOOKING AT THE COST OF COMPLIANCE FOR STATES AND SCHOOLS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Child Nutrition Assistance: Looking at the Cost of Compliance for States and Schools”. Testimony was heard from Melody Schopp, Secretary of Education, South Dakota Department of Education; John Payne, President, Blackford County School Board of Trustees, Indiana; Donna Martin, Director, School Nutrition Program, Burke County Public Schools, Georgia; and Lynn Harvey, Chief, School Nutrition Services, Safe and Healthy Schools Support Division, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

### EXAMINING THE ADMINISTRATION'S APPROVAL OF MEDICAID DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Examining the Administration's Approval of Medicaid Demonstration Projects". Testimony was heard from Katherine Iritani, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

### EVALUATING THE SECURITY OF THE U.S. FINANCIAL SECTOR

*Committee on Financial Services:* Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing held a hearing entitled "Evaluating the Security of the U.S. Financial Sector". Testimony was heard from Cyrus Vance, Jr., District Attorney, New York County District Attorney's Office; and public witnesses.

### COLOMBIA: PEACE WITH THE FARC?

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled "Colombia: Peace with the FARC?". Testimony was heard from Bernard Aronson, Special Envoy to the Colombian Peace Process, Department of State; and Alex Lee, Deputy Assistant Secretary for South America and Cuba, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State.

### ADMITTING SYRIAN REFUGEES: THE INTELLIGENCE VOID AND THE EMERGING HOMELAND SECURITY THREAT

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled "Admitting Syrian Refugees: The Intelligence Void and the Emerging Homeland Security Threat". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### DHS' EFFORTS TO SECURE .GOV

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled "DHS' Efforts to Secure .Gov". Testimony was heard from Andy Ozment, Assistant Security, Office of Cybersecurity and Communications, National Protections and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Gregory C. Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1927, the "Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act of 2015". H.R. 1927 was ordered reported, as amended.

### GAO REPORT DOCUMENTS BLM'S CHRONIC MISMANAGEMENT OF WIND AND SOLAR RECLAMATION BONDS

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "GAO Report Documents BLM's Chronic Mismanagement of Wind and Solar Reclamation Bonds". Testimony was heard from Anne-Marie Fennell, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, Government Accountability Office; and Steven A. Ellis, Deputy Director for Operations, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

### EXAMINING PROCEDURES REGARDING PUERTO RICO'S POLITICAL STATUS AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing entitled "Examining Procedures Regarding Puerto Rico's Political Status and Economic Outlook". Testimony was heard from Resident Commissioner Pierluisi; César A. Miranda Rodríguez, Attorney General of Puerto Rico, testifying on behalf of Governor Alejandro García Padilla; Carmen Yulín Cruz Soto, Mayor of San Juan, Puerto Rico; and public witnesses.

### OPM DATA BREACH: PART II

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "OPM Data Breach: Part II". Testimony was heard from Katherine Archuleta, Director, Office of Personnel Management; Patrick E. McFarland, Inspector General, Office of Personnel Management; Donna K. Seymour, Chief Information Officer, Office of Personnel Management; Ann Barron-DiCamillo, Director, U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

### SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE TRADE PREFERENCES EXTENSION ACT OF 2015

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on Senate Amendment to H.R. 1295, the "Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015" (meeting II). The committee granted, by voice vote, a rule that provides for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 1295. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

## U.S. ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION REPORT: ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACTS OF THE EPA'S CLEAN POWER PLAN

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Energy, held a joint hearing entitled "U.S. Energy Information Administration Report: Analysis of the Impacts of the EPA's Clean Power Plan". Testimony was heard from Howard Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration; and public witnesses.

## THE STATE OF POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL IMPLEMENTATION IN THE UNITED STATES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled "The State of Positive Train Control Implementation in the United States". Testimony was heard from Sarah Feinberg, Acting Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Charles Mathias, Associate Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; and public witnesses.

## MEETING THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF RURAL AMERICA

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled "Meeting the Transportation Needs of Rural America". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 2214, the "Disabled Veterans' Access to Medical Exams Improvement Act"; H.R. 1380, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the eligibility for a medallion furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to signify the veteran status of a deceased individual; H.R. 2706, the "Veterans National Remembrance Act"; H.R. 2691, the "Veterans' Survivors Claims Processing Automation Act of 2015"; H.R. 303, the "Retired Pay Restoration Act"; H.R. 1338, the "Dignified Interment of Our Veterans Act of 2015"; H.R. 1302, the "VA Appeals Backlog Relief Act"; H.R. 2605, the "Veterans Fiduciary Reform Act of 2015"; and H.R. 1384, the "Honor America's Guard-Reserve Retirees Act". Testimony was heard from Representative Johnson of Ohio; David R. McLenachen, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Disability Assistance, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

## RISEING HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS UNDER OBAMACARE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on rising health insurance premiums under Obamacare. Testimony was heard from Julie McPeak, Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance; Al Redmer, Jr., Commissioner of the Maryland Insurance Administration; Mike Kreidler, Washington State Insurance Commissioner; and a public witness.

## REPATRIATION OF FOREIGN EARNINGS AS A SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on repatriation of foreign earnings as a source of funding for the Highway Trust Fund. Testimony was heard from Tom Barthold, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; Jane Gravelle, Senior Specialist in Economic Policy, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine country of origin labeling and trade retaliation, focusing on what's at stake for America's farmers, ranchers, businesses, and consumers, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, "Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016", and an original bill entitled, "Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016", 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine economic crisis, focusing on the global impact of a Greek default, 1:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider S. 1626, to reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, improve safety, streamline rail project delivery, S. 1611, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, S. 1573, to establish regional weather forecast offices, S. 1298, to provide nationally consistent measures of performance of the Nation's ports, S. 1403, to amend



the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to promote sustainable conservation and management for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fisheries and the communities that rely on them, S. 1551, to provide for certain requirements relating to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority stewardship transition, S. 1182, to exempt application of JSA attribution rule in case of existing agreements, S. 1250, to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, and the nominations of Andrew J. Read, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the private sector, focusing on state innovations in financing transportation infrastructure, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider S. Res. 204, recognizing June 20, 2015 as “World Refugee Day”, S. Res. 207, recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance, S. 1643, to require a report on actions to secure the safety and security of dissidents housed at Camp Liberty, Iraq, S. 1632, to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram, S. Res. 211, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Srebrenica, and the nominations of Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund, Brian James Egan, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State, Gayle Smith, of Ohio, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Jennifer Zimdahl Galt, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to Mongolia; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine evaluating key components of a joint comprehensive plan of action with Iran, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine federal cybersecurity and the Office of Personnel Management data breach, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 1482, to improve and reauthorize provisions relating to the application of the antitrust laws to the award of need-based educational aid, S. 1300, to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa fees in certain situations, and the nominations of Luis Felipe Restrepo, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Travis Randall McDonough, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, and Waverly D. Crenshaw, Jr., of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, 9:45 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine economic opportunity for our veterans and their families through entrepreneurship, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research, hearing to review food labeling legislation, 1:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Nuclear Deterrence in the 21st Century”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Update on Findings and Recommendations of the 2014 Department of Defense Nuclear Enterprise Review”, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining Public Health Legislation: H.R. 2820, H.R. 1344, and H.R. 1462”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade, hearing entitled “Vehicle to Vehicle Communications and Connected Roadways of the Future”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Examining Continuing Allegations of Discrimination and Retaliation at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2037, the “United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reauthorization Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2494, the “Global Anti-Poaching Act”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Is Academic Freedom Threatened by China’s Influence on U.S. Universities?”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 158, the “Visa Waiver Program Improvement Act of 2015”; H.R. 455, the “Northern Border Security Review Act”; H.R. 998, the “Preclearance Authorization Act of 2015”; H.R. 1073, the “Critical Infrastructure Protection Act”; H.R. 1634, the “Border Security Technology Accountability Act of 2015”; H.R. 2127, the “Securing Expedited Screening Act”; H.R. 2750, the “Improved Security Vetting for Aviation Workers Act of 2015”; H.R. 2770, the “Keeping our Travelers Safe and Secure Act”; H.R. 2786, the “Cross-Border Rail Security Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2843, the “TSA PreCheck Expansion Act”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 1107, the “Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act”; H.R. 1406, the “New Mexico Navajo Water Settlement Technical Corrections Act”; H.R. 2273, to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act to authorize the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir; H.R. 2749, the “Dam Authorization, Maintenance, and Safety (DAMS) Act of 2015”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 1937, the “National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2015”, 10:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “IRS: TIGTA Update Part II”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “A Review of Veterans Affairs Major Lease Procurement”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Oversight; and Subcommittee on Research and Technology, joint hearing entitled “Is NSF Properly Managing Its Rotating Staff?”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “GSA’s Proposed Transactional Data Rule and its Effect on Small Businesses”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Full Committee, business meeting—Committee Photo for the 114th Congress; hearing entitled “The State of VA’s Fiscal Year 2015 Budget”, 10:15 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, markup on pending legislation, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Human Resources; and Subcommittee on Nutrition of the House Committee on Agriculture, joint hearing entitled “Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: How Our Welfare System Can Discourage Work”, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:50 a.m., Thursday, June 25

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Thursday, June 25

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will be in a period of morning business.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1295)—Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015 (Subject to a Rule). Begin consideration of H.R. 2822—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 (Subject to a Rule).

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