

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4619–S4657

Measures Introduced: Twenty-seven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1677–1703, S.J. Res. 17, and S. Res. 214–216.

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Measures Reported:

S. 1180, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to modernize the integrated public alert and warning system of the United States, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 114–73)

S. 1695, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. (S. Rept. No. 114–74)

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–75)

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. Res. 211, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Srebrenica, with amendments.

S. 1643, to require a report on actions to secure the safety and security of dissidents housed at Camp Liberty, Iraq, with an amendment. **Page S4646**

Measures Passed:

Boys Town Centennial Commemorative Coin Act: Senate passed H.R. 893, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town. **Page S4656**

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation: Senate passed S. 230, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Cor-

poration located in Bethel, Alaska, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 2077, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4656–57**

National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month and Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 215, designating the month of June 2015 as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month” and June 27, 2015, as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day”. **Page S4657**

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Secretary of the Senate re-engross the Senate amendment to 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, with the following: Strike section 636. **Pages S4620–21**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senator Cotton be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S4657**

Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S4657**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate adjourn until the following dates and times to convene for pro forma session only with no business being conducted; that following each pro forma session, Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session, unless the House adopts the provisions of S. Con. Res. 19, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the

House of Representatives; at 10 a.m., on Friday, June 26, 2015, at 2 p.m., on Tuesday June 30, 2015, and at 10 a.m., on Friday, July 3, 2015; and that Senate adjourn on Friday, July 3, 2015, until 2:30 p.m., on Tuesday, July 7, 2015. **Page S4657**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:50 a.m. and adjourned at 2:51 p.m., until 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4657.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine country of origin labeling and trade retaliation, focusing on what's at stake for America's farmers, ranchers, businesses, and consumers, after receiving testimony from Barry Carpenter, North American Meat Institute, Washington, D.C.; Craig Hill, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, Milo, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Leo McDonnell, McDonnell Angus and Midland Bull Test, Rhame, North Dakota, on behalf of the United States Cattlemen's Association; Jaret Moyer, Kansas Livestock Association, Emporia; James Trezise, New York Wine and Grape Foundation, Canandaigua; and Christopher Cuddy, ADM Corn, Decatur, Illinois.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

An original bill entitled, "Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016", and

An original bill (S. 1695) entitled, "Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016".

GLOBAL IMPACT OF A GREEK DEFAULT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance concluded a hearing to examine economic crisis, focusing on the global impact of a Greek default, after receiving testimony from Desmond Lachman, American Enterprise Institute, and Jacob Funk Kirkegaard, Peterson Institute for International Economics, both of Washington, D.C.; Carmen M. Reinhart, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Matthew J. Slaughter, Dartmouth College Tuck School of Business, Hanover, New Hampshire.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1626, to reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, improve safety, streamline rail project delivery, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1611, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1573, to establish regional weather forecast offices, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1298, to provide nationally consistent measures of performance of the Nation's ports, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1551, to provide for certain requirements relating to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority stewardship transition, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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

Routine lists in the Coast Guard.

FINANCING TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the private sector, focusing on state innovations in financing transportation infrastructure,

after receiving testimony from Shailen Bhatt, Colorado Department of Transportation Executive Director, Denver; Mitchell E. Daniels, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana; David Narefsky, Mayer Brown LLP, Chicago, Illinois; and Baruch Feigenbaum, Reason Foundation, Los Angeles, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

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, with an amendment;

S. Res. 211, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Srebrenica, with amendments; and

The nominations of Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund, and Brian James Egan, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser, Glyn Townsend Davies, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand, William A. Heidt, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, Atul Keshap, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, Alaina B. Teplitz, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, David Hale, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and Jennifer Zimdahl Galt, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, all of the Department of State.

JCPOA IRAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine evaluating key components of

a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action with Iran, after receiving testimony from David Albright, Institute for Science and International Security, and Ray Takeyh, Council on Foreign Relations, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jim Walsh, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Security Studies Program, Cambridge.

FEDERAL CYBERSECURITY AND OPM DATA BREACH

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine federal cybersecurity and the Office of Personnel Management data breach, after receiving testimony from Katherine Archuleta, Director, and Patrick E. McFarland, Inspector General, both of the Office of Personnel Management; Tony Scott, Chief Information Officer, Office of Management and Budget; and Andy Ozment, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Cybersecurity and Communications.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine economic opportunity for our veterans and their families through entrepreneurship, after receiving testimony from Barb Carson, Acting Associate Administrator, Office of Veterans Business Development, Small Business Administration; Katrina Nowosielski, Storm Guard of La LLC, Lafayette, Louisiana; Albert Tansey, Tansey Electric, Manchester, New Hampshire; Laurie Sayles Artis, Civility Management Solutions, Bowie, Maryland; J. Michael Haynie, Syracuse University Institute for Veterans and Military Families, Syracuse, New York; Scott R. Daugherty, North Carolina Small Business Technology and Development Center, Raleigh, on behalf of the Association of Small Business Development Centers; and Charles W. McCaffrey, Veterans Business Outreach Center at Community Business Partnership, Springfield, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 61 public bills, H.R. 2886–2946; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 58–59; and H. Res. 340–346 were introduced. **Pages H4768–71**

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H4773–75

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 313, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated

at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–180);

H.R. 1069, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–181);

H.R. 1531, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–182);

H.R. 690, to require each agency, in providing notice of a rule making, to include a link to a 100 word plain language summary of the proposed rule (H. Rept. 114–183);

H.R. 712, to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–184);

H.R. 2647, to expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act and improve forest management activities in units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 114–185, Part 1);

H.R. 2647, to expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act and improve forest management activities in units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 114–185, Part 2);

H.R. 208, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a program to make loans to certain businesses, homeowners, and renters affected by Superstorm Sandy, with amendments (H. Rept. 114–186);

H.R. 2499, to amend the Small Business Act to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs, to help create jobs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–187);

H.R. 2670, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–188); and

H.R. 1023, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for increased limita-

tions on leverage for multiple licenses under common control (H. Rept. 114–189). **Page H4768**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Randy Bezet, Bayside Community Church, Bradenton, Florida. **Page H4655**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H. Res. 340, returning to the Senate the bill (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, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, with the Senate amendment thereto. **Page H4657**

Question of Privilege: Representative Thompson (MS) rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a resolution. Subsequently, the Chair ruled that the resolution did present a question of the privileges of the House. **Pages H4662–63**

Agreed to the McCarthy motion to refer the resolution, H. Res. 341, to the Committee on House Administration by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 385. **Pages H4663–64**

Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015: The House agreed to the Ryan (WI) motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1295, to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, and the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, by a yea-and-nay vote of 286 yeas to 138 nays, Roll No. 388.

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H. Res. 338, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1295) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 251 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 386, after the previous question was ordered. **Pages H4657–62, H4664–65**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, June 23rd:

DHS FOIA Efficiency Act of 2015: H.R. 1615, amended, to direct the Chief FOIA Officer of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain improvements in the implementation of section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act), by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 387; and **Pages H4665–66**

CBRN Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2015: H.R. 2200, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear intelligence and information sharing functions of the Office of

Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security and to require dissemination of information analyzed by the Department to entities with responsibilities relating to homeland security, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 420 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 389. **Pages H4698–99**

Trade Act of 2015—Motion to Reconsider: Agreed by unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider the vote on the question of concurring in the matter comprising the remainder of title II of the Senate amendment to H.R. 1314, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations, is laid on the table. **Page H4699**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016: Agreed to take from the Speaker's table the bill (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, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, with the Senate amendment thereto, disagree with the Senate amendment and request a conference with the Senate thereon. **Page H4699**

The Chair appointed the following conferees on H.R. 1735: From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Thornberry, Forbes, Miller (FL), Wilson (SC), LoBiondo, Bishop (UT), Turner, Kline, Rogers (AL), Shuster, Conaway, Lamborn, Wittman, Hunter, Hartzler, Heck (NV), Wenstrup, Stefanik, Smith (WA), Loretta Sanchez (CA), Davis (CA), Langevin, Larsen (WA), Cooper, Bordallo, Courtney, Tsongas, Garamendi, Johnson (GA), Speier, Castro (TX), and Duckworth. **Page H4699**

The Chair announced that additional conferees will be appointed at a subsequent time. **Page H4699**

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016: The House began consideration of H.R. 2822, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. Further consideration was postponed. **Pages H4699–H4761**

Agreed to:

Poe (TX) amendment that redirects funding within the Bureau of Land Management by \$1,000,000; **Pages H4730–31**

Flores amendment that increases funding for the Bureau of Land Management by \$5,000,000, increases funding for the National Forest System by

\$5,000,000, and reduces funding for the Environmental Programs and Management by \$12,307,693; **Pages H4731–32**

Clawson (FL) amendment that increases funding for US Fish and Wildlife Service Resource Management by \$1,000,000 and reduces funding for Environmental Programs and Management by \$1,200,000; **Pages H4735–36**

Clawson (FL) amendment that increases funding for Operation of the National Park System Everglades Restoration by \$1,000,000 and reduces funding for Environmental Programs and Management by \$1,250,000; **Pages H4736–37**

Sewell (AL) amendment that increases funding for Operation of the National Park System by \$2,500,000, increases funding for Historic Preservation Fund by \$4,500,000, and reduces funding for Office of the Secretary Departmental Operations by \$7,000,000; **Pages H4637–38**

Gallego amendment that redirects funding within the National Park Service by \$1,000,000; **Page H4738**

Tsongas amendment that redirects funding within Centennial Challenge projects and programs by \$30,000,000; **Pages H4739–40**

Johnson (OH) amendment that increases funding, by offset, for State and Tribal Assistance Grants by \$2,000,000; **Pages H4742–43**

Gosar amendment that increases funding for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education by \$50,304,000 and reduces funding for Environmental Programs by \$61,304,000; **Pages H4743–45**

Langevin amendment that reduces funding for the EPA Science and Technology by \$1,625,000 and increases funding for the Environmental Programs and Management by \$1,000,000; **Pages H4753–54**

Grayson amendment that redirects funding within Environmental Programs and Management by \$2,212,000; **Page H4754**

Mooney (WV) amendment that reduces funding for Environmental Programs and Management by \$2,000,000 and increases funding for the Office of Inspector General by \$1,000,000; **Pages H4754–55**

Mooney (WV) amendment that reduces funding for the Environmental Programs and Management by \$2,000,000 and applies the savings to the spending reduction account; **Page H4755**

Tipton amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Wildland Fire Management by \$20,000,000; and **Pages H4755–56**

Benishek amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Capital Improvement and Maintenance by \$2,000,000. **Page H4760**

Rejected:

Griffith amendment that sought to increase from 3 to 6 the Appalachian States with the greatest

amount of unfunded needs to meet the priorities of the Surface Mining Control Reclamation. **Page H4743**

Withdrawn:

Garamendi amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have reduced funding for the Management of Lands and Resources by \$14,000,000 and increased funding for Surveys, Investigation and Research by \$11,611,000; **Page H4732**

Yoho amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have reduced funding for the Bureau of Land Management by \$25,325,000 and applied the savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H4732–33**

Guinta amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for Land Acquisition by \$16,000,000; **Page H4734**

Garamendi amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected funding within the Land and Water Conservation Fund by \$1,000,000; **Pages H4734–35**

Yoho amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have reduced funding for the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund by \$29,904,000 and applied the savings to the spending reduction account; **Page H4743**

Plaskett amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected funding within Insular Affairs by \$13,684,000;

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Jackson Lee amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have reduced funding for the Office of Inspector General Salaries and Expenses by \$2,000,000 and increased funding for the Smithsonian Institution Salaries and Expenses by \$1,500,000; **Pages H4748–52**

Grijalva amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have struck section 120, prohibiting use of funds regarding legal trade and transport of ivory; **Pages H4752–53**

McNerney amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for State and Tribal Assistance Grants by \$861,000,000, increased funding for capitalization grants for the Clean Water State Revolving Funds by \$432,000,000, and increased funding for capitalization grants for the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds by \$429,000,000; and **Pages H4757–58**

Beyer amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have struck the paragraph regarding EPA Administrator requirements to base agency policies and actions regarding air emissions from forest biomass on the principle that forest biomass emissions do not increase overall carbon dioxide accumulations in the atmosphere.

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Point of Order sustained against:

Beyer amendment that sought to increase funding for the National Park Service maintenance backlog by \$11,500,000,000; and **Pages H4738–39**

Kildee amendment (No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of June 24, 2015) that sought to add a new proviso providing new eligibility requirements for grant recipients. **Pages H4758–59**

Proceedings Postponed:

Garamendi amendment that seeks to reduce funding for the Bureau of Land Management by \$4,010,000 and increase funding for the US Fish and Wildlife Service by \$3,902,000; **Pages H4733–34**

Capps amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Inland Oil Spill Programs by \$5,434,000; **Pages H4740–42**

Sablan amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Insular Affairs by \$5,000,000; and

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Castor (FL) amendment that seeks to redirect funding within Environmental Programs and Management by \$1,913,000. **Pages H4746–47**

H. Res. 333, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2822) and (H.R. 2042) was agreed to yesterday, June 24th.

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 19, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page H4761**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appears on pages H4699 and H4766.

Senate Referrals: S. 230 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4663–64, H4664, H4665, H4697–98, H4698. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and at 6:01 p.m., pursuant to S. Con. Res. 19, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2015.

Committee Meetings

USDA MARKETING PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research held a hearing to review USDA marketing programs. Testimony was heard from Craig Morris, Deputy Administrator, Livestock Poultry and Seed Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture.

NUCLEAR DETERRENCE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Nuclear Deterrence in the 21st Century”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Defense officials: Robert O. Work, Deputy Secretary of Defense; Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, Deputy Secretary of Energy; and Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

UPDATE ON FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2014 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NUCLEAR ENTERPRISE REVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Update on Findings and Recommendations of the 2014 Department of Defense Nuclear Enterprise Review”. Testimony was heard from Yisroel Brumer, OSD/Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation; Vice Admiral Terry Benedict, USN, Director, Strategic Systems Programs; Major General Jack Weinstein, USAF, Commander, 20th Air Force; and Major General Richard M. Clark, USAF, Commander, 8th Air Force.

LEGISLATIVE HEARING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining Public Health Legislation: H.R. 2820, H.R. 1344, and H.R. 1462”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VEHICLE TO VEHICLE COMMUNICATIONS AND CONNECTED ROADWAYS OF THE FUTURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade held a hearing entitled “Vehicle to Vehicle Communications and Connected Roadways of the Future”. Testimony was heard from Nat Beuse, Associate Administrator, Vehicle Safety Research, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING CONTINUING ALLEGATIONS OF DISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION AT THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining Continuing Allegations of Discrimination and Retaliation at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau”. Testimony was heard from Florine Williams, Senior Equal Employment Specialist, Office of Civil Rights, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2494, the “Global Anti-Poaching Act”. H.R. 2494 was ordered reported, as amended.

IS ACADEMIC FREEDOM THREATENED BY CHINA’S INFLUENCE ON U.S. UNIVERSITIES?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Is Academic Freedom Threatened by China’s Influence on U.S. Universities?”. Testimony was heard from Susan V. Lawrence, Specialist in Asian Affairs, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a 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”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 158, H.R. 455, H.R. 998, H.R. 1073, H.R. 1634, H.R. 2127, H.R. 2750, H.R. 2770, and H.R. 2843. The following bill was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 2786.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a 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”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gosar and Lummis; Estevan Lopez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; Harry LaBonde, Director, Wyoming Water Development Office; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 1937, the “National Strategic and Critical Minerals

Production Act of 2015". Testimony was heard from Representative Amodei and public witnesses.

IRS: TIGTA UPDATE PART II

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "IRS: TIGTA Update Part II". Testimony was heard from Russell George, Inspector General, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; and Tim Camus, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration.

A REVIEW OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MAJOR LEASE PROCUREMENT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled "A Review of Veterans Affairs Major Lease Procurement". Testimony was heard from Jerry Cameron, Assistant County Administrator, St. Johns County, Florida; Stella Fiotes, Executive Director, Office of Construction and Facilities Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; Norbert Doyle, Chief Procurement and Logistics Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Dave Wise, Director of the Physical Infrastructure Team, Government Accountability Office.

IS NSF PROPERLY MANAGING ITS ROTATING STAFF?

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Oversight; and Subcommittee on Research and Technology, held a joint hearing entitled "Is NSF Properly Managing Its Rotating Staff?". Testimony was heard from Allison Lerner, Inspector General, National Science Foundation; and Richard Buckius, Chief Operating Officer, National Science Foundation.

GSA'S PROPOSED TRANSACTIONAL DATA RULE AND ITS EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled "GSA's Proposed Transactional Data Rule and its Effect on Small Businesses". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING; THE STATE OF VA'S FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a business meeting regarding the Committee Photo for

the 114th Congress; and a hearing entitled "The State of VA's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget". Testimony was heard from Sloan Gibson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a markup on H.R. 1994, the "VA Accountability Act of 2015"; H.R. 2344, the "Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Improvement Act of 2015"; H.R. 2360, the "Career-Ready Student Veterans Act"; H.R. 356, the "Wounded Warrior Employment Improvement Act"; H.R. 832, the "Veterans Employment and Training Service Longitudinal Study Act of 2015"; H.R. 2275, the "Jobs for Veterans Act of 2015"; and H.R. 2361, the "Work-Study for Student Veterans Act". The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, as amended: H.R. 1994, H.R. 2344, and H.R. 2360. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, without amendment: H.R. 356, H.R. 832, H.R. 2275, and H.R. 2361.

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF SNAP: HOW OUR WELFARE SYSTEM CAN DISCOURAGE WORK

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources; and Subcommittee on Nutrition of the House Committee on Agriculture, held a joint hearing entitled "Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: How Our Welfare System Can Discourage Work". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "Assuring National Security Space: Investing in American Industry to End Reliance on Russian Rocket Engines", 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 7

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, July 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will begin consideration of S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act.

At 5:30 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Kara Farnandez Stoll, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, and vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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