

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S4805–S4899**

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1715–1722, and S. Res. 217–218. **Pages S4840–41**

**Measures Reported:**

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent resolution for Fiscal Year 2016”. (S. Rept. No. 114–78) **Page S4840**

**Measures Passed:**

**First Class William B. Woods, Jr. Post Office:** Senate passed 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.” **Page S4894**

**Floresville Veterans Post Office:** Senate passed 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”. **Page S4894**

**First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office:** Senate passed 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”. **Page S4894**

**Herman Badillo Post Office:** Senate passed 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”. **Page S4894**

**His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama 80th Birthday:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 200, wishing His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama a happy 80th birthday on July 6, 2015, and recognizing the outstanding contributions His Holiness has made to the promotion of nonviolence, human rights, interfaith dialogue, environmental awareness, and democracy, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4894**

**U.S. Women’s National Team 2015 FIFA World Cup:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 218, congratulating the United States Women’s National Team for winning the 2015 FIFA World Cup. **Pages S4894–95**

**Measures Considered:**

**Every Child Achieves Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4806–16, S4816–31**

**Adopted:**

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 222), Murray (for Reed/Cochran) Amendment No. 2085 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding school librarians and effective school library programs. **Pages S4806, S4816**

Murray (for Warner) Amendment No. 2086 (to Amendment No. 2089), to enable the use of certain State and local administrative funds for fiscal support teams. **Pages S4806, S4816**

Alexander (for Rounds/Udall) Amendment No. 2078 (to Amendment No. 2089), to require the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study regarding elementary and secondary education in rural or poverty areas of Indian country. **Pages S4806, S4816**

By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 224), Murray (for Tester) Amendment No. 2107 (to Amendment No. 2089), to restore sections of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. **Pages S4827, S4830–31**

Murray/Mikulski Amendment No. 2124 (to Amendment No. 2089), to require schools to collect and report data on interscholastic sports. **Pages S4827, S4831**

Murray (for Bennet) Amendment No. 2115 (to Amendment No. 2089), to provide for a study on increasing the effectiveness of existing services and programs intended to benefit children. **Pages S4828, S4831**

**Rejected:**

By 47 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 223), Murray (for Hirono/Heller) Amendment No. 2109 (to

Amendment No. 2089), to amend section 1111(b)(2)(B)(xi) to provide for additional disaggregation for local educational agencies with a total of not less than 1,000 Asian and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander students. **Pages S4827, S4830**

By 45 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 225), Alexander Amendment No. 2139 (to Amendment No. 2089), to allow States to let Federal funds for the education of disadvantaged children follow low-income children to the accredited or otherwise State-approved public school, private school, or supplemental educational services program they attend. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S4827, S4831**

#### **Pending:**

Alexander/Murray Amendment No. 2089, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4806**

Alexander (for Fischer) Amendment No. 2079 (to Amendment No. 2089), to ensure local governance of education. **Page S4806**

Murray (for Peters) Amendment No. 2095 (to Amendment No. 2089), to allow local educational agencies to use parent and family engagement funds for financial literacy activities. **Page S4806**

Toomey Amendment No. 2094 (to Amendment No. 2089), to protect our children from convicted pedophiles, child molesters, and other sex offenders infiltrating our schools and from schools “passing the trash”—helping pedophiles obtain jobs at other schools. **Page S4806**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 9, 2015. **Page S4895**

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

Anthony G. Collins, of New York, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

Brad R. Carson, of Oklahoma, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

Peter William Bodde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Libya.

Catherine Ebert-Gray, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu.

Dennis B. Hankins, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea.

G. Kathleen Hill, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta.

Elisabeth I. Millard, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan.

Mark Philip Cohen, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2021.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, and Navy. **Pages S4896–99**

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

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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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:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—225) **Pages S4816, S4830–31**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4895.)

## ***Committee Meetings***

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### **THE ROLE OF THE FINANCIAL STABILITY BOARD IN THE UNITED STATES REGULATORY FRAMEWORK**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of the Financial Stability Board in the United States regulatory framework, including S. 1484, a bill to improve accountability and transparency in the United States financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, provide sensible relief to financial institutions, after receiving testimony from former Senator Dirk Kempthorne, American Council of Life Insurers, Eugene Scalia, Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher LLP, Paul Schott Stevens, Investment Company Institute, Peter J. Wallison, American Enterprise Institute, and Adam S. Posen,

Peterson Institute for International Economics, all of Washington, D.C.

#### **PRESIDENT'S INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE AGENDA**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's international climate agenda and implications for domestic environmental policy, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey R. Holmstead, Bracewell and Giuliani, Karl Hausker, World Resources Institute Climate Program, and Sarah O. Ladislaw, Center for Strategic and International Studies Energy and National Security Program, all of Washington, D.C.; David Bookbinder, Element VI Consulting, Middleburg, Virginia; and Jeremy Rabkin, George Mason University School of Law, Arlington, Virginia.

#### **SOUTH CHINA SEA**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee received a closed briefing on Department of Defense maritime activities and engagement in the South China Sea from Daniel R. Russel, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and David B. Shear, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs.

#### **STOPPING AN AVIAN INFLUENZA THREAT TO ANIMAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine stopping an avian influenza threat to animal and public health, after receiving testimony from John Clifford, Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture; Anne Schuchat, Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Chris Currie, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; Jack Gelb, Jr., University of Delaware Avian Biosciences Center, Newark; and Scott Schneider, Nature Link Farm, Jefferson, Wisconsin, on behalf of the Wisconsin Poultry and Egg Industries Association.

#### **TRUST MODERNIZATION AND REFORM FOR INDIAN LANDS OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine trust modernization

and reform for Indian lands, after receiving testimony from Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Ernest L. Stensgar, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Plummer, Idaho, on behalf of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians; and Brenda Lintinger, Tunica-Biloxi Tribe, Marksville, Louisiana, on behalf of United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

#### **ENCRYPTION, TECHNOLOGY, AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND PRIVACY**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine going dark, focusing on encryption, technology, and the balance between public safety and privacy, after receiving testimony from Sally Quillian Yates, Deputy Attorney General, and James B. Comey, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., New York County District Attorney, New York, New York; Herbert Lin, Stanford University Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford, California; and Peter Swire, Georgia Institute of Technology Scheller College of Business, Atlanta.

#### **CYBER CRIME**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism concluded a hearing to examine cyber crime, focusing on modernizing our legal framework for the information age, after receiving testimony from David M. Bitkower, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Wm. Douglas Johnson, American Bankers Association, and Bill Wright, Symantec Corporation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jen Ellis, Rapid7, Boston, Massachusetts.

#### **COUNTERTERRORISM AND COUNTERINTELLIGENCE**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine counterterrorism, counterintelligence, and the challenges of "Going Dark", after receiving testimony from James B. Comey, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 28 public bills, H.R. 2962–2989; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 349, 351–353, were introduced. **Pages H4954–56**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4957–58**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 350, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6) to accelerate the discovery, development, and delivery of 21st century cures, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–193). **Page H4954**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Holding to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4867**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:06 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4874**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Shane Hall, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Oklahoma. **Page H4874**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H4874, H4935**

**Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016:** The House continued 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. Consideration began on June 25th. **Pages H4888–H4900, H4935–46**

Agreed to:

Pearce amendment that was debated on July 7 that prohibits the use of funds to increase the rate of any royalty required to be paid to the United States for oil and gas produced on Federal land, or to prepare or publish a proposed rule relating to such an increase (by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 408); **Pages H4898–99**

Hardy amendment that was debated on July 7 that prohibits the use of funds to make a Presidential declaration by public proclamation of a national monument under chapter 3203 of title 54, United States Code in the counties of Mohave and Cococino in the State of Arizona, in the counties of Modoc and Siskiyou in the State of California, in the counties of Chaffee, Moffat, and Park in the State of Colorado, in the counties of Lincoln, Clark, and Nye in the State of Nevada, in the county of Otero in the State of New Mexico, in the counties of Jackson, Josephine and Malheur in the State of Oregon, or in the counties of Wayne, Garfield, and Kane in the State of Utah (by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 409); and **Page H4899**

Buck amendment that prohibits the use of funds to be used to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel or any other entity to negotiate or conclude a settlement with the Federal Government that includes terms requiring the defendant to donate or contribute funds to an organization or individual. **Page H4937**

Rejected:

Garamendi amendment that was debated on June 25 that sought 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 (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 393); **Pages H4888–89**

Capps amendment that was debated on June 25 that sought to increase funding by offset, for Inland Oil Spill Programs, by \$5,434,000 (by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 394); **Page H4889**

Sablan amendment that was debated on June 25 that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Insular Affairs by \$5,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 395); **Pages H4889–90**

Castor (FL) amendment that was debated on June 25 that sought to redirect funding within Environmental Programs and Management, by \$1,913,000 (by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 396); **Pages H4890–91**

Grijalva amendment that was debated on July 7 that sought to strike section 423, relating to stream buffers (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 397); **Page H4891**

Tsongas amendment that was debated on July 7 that sought to strike section 425, relating to the limitation on the use of funds for National Ocean Policy (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 398); **Pages H4891–92**

Grijalva amendment that was debated on July 7 that sought to strike section 433, relating to the availability of vacant grazing allotments (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 251 noes, Roll No. 399); **Pages H4892–93**

Polis amendment that was debated on July 7 that sought to strike section 437, relating to the use of funds for the social cost of carbon (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 400); **Page H4893**

Edwards amendment that was debated on July 7 that sought to strike section 438, which provides for a limitation on the use of funds regarding ozone standards (by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 401); **Pages H4893–94**

Lawrence amendment (No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of June 24, 2015) that was debated on July 7 that sought to strike section 439, which provides for prohibitions regarding hydraulic fracturing (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 402); **Pages H4894–95**

Polis amendment that was debated on July 7 that sought to prohibit the use of funds in contravention of Public Law 94–579 (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 403); **Page H4895**

Tsongas amendment that was debated on July 7 that sought to prohibit the use of funds to implement or enforce sections 117, relating to Sage-Grouse, section 121 relating to reissuance of rules (wolves), and section 122 relating to the Northern Long Eared Bat (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 404); **Pages H4895–96**

Grijalva amendment that was debated on July 7 that sought to prohibit the use of funds to implement or enforce section 120, with respect to ivory (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 405); **Pages H4896–97**

Beyer amendment that was debated on July 7 that sought to prohibit the use of funds in contravention of Executive Orders regarding climate change (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 406); and **Page H4897**

Blackburn amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of June 24, 2015) that was debated on July 7 that sought to reduce funds by 1 percent across-the-board (by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 407). **Pages H4897–98**

Withdrawn:

Buck amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the use of funds to pay retention bonuses to Senior Executive Service personnel at the Environmental Protection Agency; not more than \$50,000 to be made available to be used by the Department of the Interior to conduct a study on whether *Agricola Americus* should be classified as an endangered species. **Pages H4936–37**

Proceedings Postponed:

Ellison amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to enter into contracts with any person whose disclosures of a proceeding with a disposition listed in United States Code, in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System include the term “Fair Labor Standards Act” and such disposition is listed as “willful” or “repeated”; **Pages H4935–36**

Buck amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to pay a Federal employee for any period of time during which such employee is using official time under United States Code; **Pages H4937–38**

Grothman amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to regulate the location of the placement of a monitor of pollutants under the Clean Air Act in any county provided such county has at least one monitor; **Pages H4939–40**

Sanford amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds for oil and gas lease sale 260 included in the Draft Proposed Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and Gas Leasing program for 2017–2022 (DPP), or in any subsequent proposed or final iteration of such Program; **Page H4940**

Palmer amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds for grants under title VII, subtitle G of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and to reduce funds for EPA-State and Tribal Assistance Grants as well as grants under title VII, subtitle G of the Energy Policy Act by \$50,000,000 in each instance; **Pages H4941–42**

Palmer amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds by the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out the powers granted under section 3063 of title 18, United States Code; and **Pages H4942–43**

Calvert amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to prohibit the display the flag of the United States or the POW/MIA flag, or the decoration of graves with flags in the National Park Service national cemeteries as provided in National Park Service Director's order #61 or to contravene the National Park Service memorandum dated June 24, 2015 with the subject line containing the words “Immediate Action Required, No Reply Needed” with respect to sales items. **Pages H4945–46**

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

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

*Calling for substantive dialogue, without preconditions, in order to address Tibetan grievances and secure a negotiated agreement for the Tibetan people:* H. Res. 337, amended, calling for substantive dialogue, without preconditions, in order to address Tibetan grievances and secure a negotiated agreement for the Tibetan people; and **Pages H4900–04**

*Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding Srebrenica:* H. Res. 310, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding Srebrenica. **Pages H4904–08**

**Student Success Act:** The House passed H.R. 5, to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, and inform parents of the performance of their children's schools,

by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 423. Consideration began February 25th.

**Pages H4908–35**

Rejected the Esty motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 422.

**Pages H4932–34**

Pursuant to H. Res. 125, it was made in order to consider the further amendments printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–192 as though they were the last further amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29.

**Page H4924**

Agreed to:

Rokita amendment (No. 45 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–192) that sets the authorization from fiscal year 2016 through 2019;

**Pages H4908–10**

Zeldin amendment (No. 30 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that was debated on February 26 that allows a State to withdraw from the Common Core Standards or any other specific standards (by a recorded vote of 373 ayes to 57 noes, Roll No. 410);

**Pages H4924–25**

Hurd amendment (No. 31 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that was debated on February 26 that expresses the sense of Congress that students' personally identifiable information is important to protect as applied to current law and this act (by a recorded vote of 424 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 411);

**Page H4925**

Loeb sack amendment (No. 40 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that was debated on February 26 that supports the expansion of the use of digital learning through competitive grants to partnerships to implement and evaluate the results of technology-based learning practices, strategies, tools, or programs at rural schools (by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 416); and

**Pages H4928–29**

Salmon amendment (No. 47 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–192) that allows parents to opt their student out of the testing required under this bill and exempt schools from including students that have opted out in the schools' participation requirements (by a recorded vote of 251 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 420).

**Pages H4912–13, H4931**

Rejected:

Grayson amendment (No. 32 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that was debated on February 26 that sought to require the Secretary of Education to conduct an assessment of the impact of school start times on student health, well-being, and performance (by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 412);

**Page H4926**

Wilson (FL) amendment (No. 33 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that was debated on Feb-

ruary 26 that sought to provide for school dropout prevention and re-entry and provide grants to raise academic achievement levels for all students (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 413);

**Pages H4926–27**

Carson (IN) amendment (No. 35 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that was debated on February 26 that sought to advance assessments of student achievement and instructional practices, effective teacher preparation and continuing professional development, education administration, and international comparisons; the amendment supports development of a national research strategy to ensure that students, particularly at risk students, have effective teachers and are being prepared for the future (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 414);

**Pages H4927–28**

Brownley (CA) amendment (No. 39 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that was debated on February 26 that sought to create a grant program for states to create or expand biliteracy seal programs to recognize student proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in both English and a second language for graduating high school seniors (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 415);

**Page H4928**

Polis amendment (No. 41 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that was debated on February 26 that sought to authorize—but does not appropriate funds—for the Secretary of Education to provide grants for: early-childhood education scholarships, professional development and licensing credentials, or increased compensation for educators who have attained specific qualifications (by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 417);

**Page H4929**

Thompson (MS) amendment (No. 43 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that was debated on February 27 that sought to require that The Student Success Act shall not go into effect until the Secretary of Education determine that its enactment will not reduce the college and career readiness of racial or ethnic minority students, students with disabilities, English learners, and low-income students and provide written notification to Congress on such determination (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 241);

**Page H4930**

Walker amendment (No. 46 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–192) that sought to add A-PLUS, which would send funding under NCLB back to states in the form of block grants, and states would then be able to direct that funding to any education purpose under state law (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 419); and

**Pages H4910–12, H4930–31**

Scott (VA) amendment (No. 44 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that was debated on February

27 that sought to repeal H.R. 5 and replace the bill text with a substitute amendment that provides robust funding levels, replaces the mandates of No Child Left Behind, and maintains civil rights and equity protections that ensure all students graduate from high school college- and career-ready (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 421).

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Withdrawn:

Polis amendment (No. 48 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–192) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required states to have college- and career-ready standards and set performance, growth, and graduation rate targets for all student subgroups; also included performance targets for English language learners and students with disabilities.

Pages H4913–24

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

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H. Res. 347, the rule providing for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5) and consideration of the bill (H.R. 2647) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 392, after the previous question was ordered.

Pages H4879–87

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4900.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 286 was held at the desk.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Thirty one recorded votes and one yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4887, H4888–89, H4889, H4890, H4890–91, H4891, H4891–92, H4892–93, H4893, H4893–94, H4894–95, H4895, H4895–96, H4896–97, H4897, H4897–98, H4898–99, H4899, H4924–25, H4925, H4926, H4926–27, H4927, H4928, H4928–29, H4929, H4930, H4930–31, H4931, H4932, H4934, and H4934–35. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### ENERGY AND THE RURAL ECONOMY: THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF EXPORTING CRUDE OIL

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Energy and the Rural Economy: the Economic Impact of Exporting Crude Oil”. Testimony was heard from David J. Porter, Chairman, Texas Railroad Commission; Frank Rusco, Director for Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held a markup on the Agriculture Appropriations Bill for FY 2016; and Revised Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2016. The Agriculture Appropriations Bill for FY 2016 was ordered reported, as amended. The Revised Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2016 was agreed to.

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE PROGRESS AFTER ICANN 53

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Internet Governance Progress After ICANN 53”. Testimony was heard from Larry Strickling, Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration; and a public witness.

### MEDICAID AT 50: STRENGTHENING AND SUSTAINING THE PROGRAM

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Medicaid at 50: Strengthening and Sustaining the Program”. Testimony was heard from Vikki Wachino, Deputy Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Director, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Carolyn Yocom, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and Anne Schwartz, Executive Director, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission.

### EXAMINING THE DESIGNATION AND REGULATION OF BANK HOLDING COMPANY SIFIs

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Examining the Designation and Regulation of Bank Holding Company SIFIs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### EXAMINING DHS’S MISPLACED FOCUS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency held a hearing entitled “Examining DHS’s Misplaced Focus on Climate Change”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Homeland Security officials: Thomas Smith, Acting Assistant Secretary, Strategy, Planning, Analysis, and Risk, Office of Policy; Roy Wright, Deputy Associate Administrator, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and Robert Kolasky, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Protection, National Protection and Programs Directorate; and a public witness.



**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2329, the “Ensuring Access to Justice for Claims Against the United States Act”; and H.R. 2604, the “Need-Based Educational Aid Act of 2015”. H.R. 2329 and H.R. 2604 were ordered reported, without amendment.

**THE HELIUM STEWARDSHIP ACT AND THE PATH FORWARD**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “The Helium Stewardship Act and the Path Forward”. Testimony was heard from Anne-Marie Fennell, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, Government Accountability Office; Tim Spisak, Senior Advisor for Minerals and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 487, to allow the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to lease or transfer certain lands; H.R. 959, the “Medgar Evers House Study Act”; H.R. 1554, the “Elkhorn Ranch and White River National Forest Conveyance Act of 2015”; H.R. 1937, the “National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2015”; H.R. 1949, the “The National Liberty Memorial Clarification Act of 2015”; H.R. 2223, the “Craggs, Colorado Land Exchange Act of 2015”; H.R. 2791, the “Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act”; H.R. 2898, the “Western Water and American Food Security Act of 2015”; S. 501, the “New Mexico Water Settlement Technical Corrections Act”; and H.R. 1138, the “Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness Additions Act”.

**21ST CENTURY CURES ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 6, the “21st Century Cures Act”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 6. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–22 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 makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be of-

fered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Upton and Representatives DeGette, Griffith of Virginia, Schakowsky, Welch, Slaughter, Polis, Gosar, Jackson Lee, Fitzpatrick, Adams, and Brat.

**IS THE OPM DATA BREACH THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG?**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Oversight, held a joint hearing entitled “Is the OPM Data Breach the Tip of the Iceberg?”. Testimony was heard from Michael R. Esser, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, Office of Personnel Management; Charles Romine, Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Gregory Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

**THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM: OVERSIGHT OF THE SBA’S DISASTER LOAN PROGRAM**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Calm Before the Storm: Oversight of the SBA’s Disaster Loan Program”. Testimony was heard from Representative Smith of New Jersey; James Rivera, Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration; William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

**A REVIEW OF VA’S VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “A Review of VA’s Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program”. Testimony was heard from Jack Kammerer, Director, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Ralph Charlip, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations and Management, Veterans’ Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.



## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

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H.R. 533, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe. Signed on July 6, 2015. (Public Law 114–28)

H.R. 615, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security. Signed on July 6, 2015. (Public Law 114–29)

H.R. 893, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town. Signed on July 6, 2015. (Public Law 114–30)

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to mark up an original bill entitled, “State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2016”, 10:30 a.m., SD–106.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michele Thoren Bond, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Consular Affairs), and Sarah Elizabeth Mendelson, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, 10 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine understanding America’s long-term fiscal picture, 10 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, 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, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

#### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture, hearing entitled “U.S. International Food Aid Programs: Oversight and Accountability”, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Homeland Security, markup on Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, FY 2016, 10 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “H.R. 702, Legislation to Prohibit Restrictions on the Export of Crude Oil”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Dodd-Frank Act Five Years Later: Are We More Stable?”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Implications of a Nuclear Agreement with Iran”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “The Gulf Cooperation Council Camp David Summit: Any Results?”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Africa’s Displaced People”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing on the “Financial Institution Bankruptcy Act of 2015”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing entitled “The State of Property Rights in America Ten Years After Kelo v. City of New London”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 487, to allow the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to lease or transfer certain lands; H.R. 959, the “Medgar Evers House Study Act”; H.R. 1554, the “Elkhorn Ranch and White River National Forest Conveyance Act of 2015”; H.R. 1937, the “National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2015”; H.R. 1949, the “National Liberty Memorial Clarification Act of 2015”; H.R. 2223, the “Craggs, Colorado Land Exchange Act of 2015”; H.R. 2791, the “Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act”; H.R. 2898, the “Western Water and American Food Security Act of 2015”; S. 501, the “New Mexico Water Settlement Technical Corrections Act”; and H.R. 1138, the “Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness Additions Act” (continued), 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Construction Costs and Delays at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining EPA’s Regulatory Overreach”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, markup on H.R. 2214, the “Disabled Veterans’ Access to Medical Exams Improvement Act”; H.R. 800, “the Express Appeals Act”; H.R. 1379, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Board of Veterans’ Appeals to develop evidence in appeal cases, and for other purposes; 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. 2605, the “Veterans Fiduciary Reform Act of 2015”; H.R. 1302, the “VA Appeals Backlog Relief Act”; H.R. 1338, the “Dignified Interment of Our Veterans Act of 2015”; H.R. 1384, the “Honor America’s Guard-Reserve Retirees Act”; and H.R. 2691, the “Veterans’ Survivors Claims Processing Automation Act of 2015”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, hearing on promoting work opportunities for Social Security Disability Insurance beneficiaries, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 9

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, July 9

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Continue consideration of H.R. 2822—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016. Consideration of H.R. 2647—Resilient Federal Forests Act (Subject to a Rule).

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