

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5431–S5475*

**Measures Introduced:** Nineteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1825–1843. **Page S5455**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1297, to update the Commercial Space Launch Act by amending title 51, United States Code, to promote competitiveness of the U.S. commercial space sector, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–88) **Page S5455**

#### Measures Passed:

**Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act:** Senate passed S. 1599, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5474–75**

#### Measures Considered:

**Hire More Heroes Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. **Page S5451**

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

The motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on Tuesday, July 21, 2015, was agreed to. **Page S5451**

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By 62 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 251), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate, upon reconsideration, agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5451**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at

approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 23, 2015; and that all time during the adjournment of the Senate count post-cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5475**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—251) **Page S5451**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:22 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5475.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2016".

#### FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment concluded a hearing to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council designation process, after

receiving testimony from Patrick Pinschmidt, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Stability Oversight Council.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Marie Therese Dominguez, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warner, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Paul Wayne Jones, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, Hans G. Klemm, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to Romania, Kathleen Ann Doherty, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, James Desmond Melville, Jr., of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, and Samuel D. Heins, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, who was introduced by Senators Franken and Klobuchar, all of the Department of State, and Thomas O. Melia, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### PROTECTING THE ELECTRIC GRID

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting the electric grid from the potential threats of solar storms and electromagnetic pulse, after receiving testimony from Joseph McClelland, Director, Office of Energy Infrastructure Security, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Christopher P. Currie, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; R. James Woolsey, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Washington, D.C.; Richard L. Garwin, IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, New York; and Bridgette Bourge, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Arlington, Virginia.

#### HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on exploring barriers and opportunities within innovation, after receiving testimony from Jamie P. Merisotis, Lumina Foundation, Indianapolis, Indiana; Barbara Gellman-Danley, Higher Learning Commission, Chi-

cago, Illinois; Paul LeBlanc, Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester; and Michael B. Horn, Clayton Christensen Institute, San Mateo, California.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1704, to amend the Indian Tribal Justice Act to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1776, to enhance tribal road safety, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

#### INDIAN GAMING OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine safeguarding the integrity of Indian gaming, focusing on regulation and oversight by the Federal government, States, and Tribes, after receiving testimony from Anne-Marie Fennell, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; David Trujillo, Washington State Gambling Commission Director, Olympia; Jonodev Osceola Chaudhuri, National Indian Gaming Commission, and Ernest Stevens, Jr., National Indian Gaming Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jamie Hummingbird, Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission, Oneida, Wisconsin, on behalf of the National Tribal Gaming Commissioners and Regulators Association.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John Michael Vazquez, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, who was introduced by Senator Menendez, Wilhelmina Marie Wright, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, who was introduced by Senators Klobuchar and Franken, Paula Xinis, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, who was introduced by Senators Mikulski and Cardin, and Cono R. Namorato, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### SUPREME COURT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts concluded a hearing to examine Supreme Court activism and possible solutions, after receiving testimony from John C. Eastman, Chapman University's Dale E. Fowler School of Law, Orange, California, on behalf of the Claremont Institute's Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence; Neil S. Siegel,

Duke Law School, Durham, North Carolina; and Edward Whelan, Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, D.C.

### TARGETED TAX REFORM

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine targeted tax reform, focusing on solutions to relieve the tax compliance burden for America's small businesses, including S. 1827, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the tax treatment of small businesses, after receiving testimony from Diana Beebe, ProSys, Inc., Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Donald Begneaud, Begneaud Manufacturing, Scott, Louisiana; Cori O'Steen, Upak, Inc., Aiken, South Carolina; Jeffrey A. Porter, Porter and Associates, Huntington, West Virginia, on behalf of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; Tom Mathison, Mathison Mathison Architects, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on behalf of the National Small Business Association; and Caroline Bruckner, American University Kogod School of Business Tax Policy Center, Nicholas Karellas, National Federation of Independent Business, and Dean Zerbe, alliantgroup, all of Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1493, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2015, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans;

S. 1203, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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. 833, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain major medical facility projects for which appropriations were made for fiscal year 2015, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 627, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations.

### MEDICARE PROVIDER ENROLLMENT FRAUD

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine combating medicare provider enrollment fraud, focusing on additional actions needed to improve eligibility verification of providers and suppliers, after receiving testimony from Seto J. Bagdoyan, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; Shantanu Agrawal, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and Katherine Leff, CareSource Management Group, Dayton, Ohio.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 24 public bills, H.R. 3149–3172; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 64; and H. Res. 371, were introduced.

**Pages H5401–03**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H5404–05**

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

H.R. 521, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–217, Part 1);

H.R. 2770, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require certain maintenance of security-

related technology at airports, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–218);

H.R. 998, to establish the conditions under which the Secretary of Homeland Security may establish preclearance facilities, conduct preclearance operations, and provide customs services outside the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–219, Part 1);

H.R. 2127, to direct the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to limit access to expedited airport security screening at an airport security checkpoint to participants of the PreCheck program and other known low-risk passengers, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–220);

H.R. 2843, to require certain improvements in the Transportation Security Administration's PreCheck expedited screening program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–221);

H.R. 1300, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–222, Part 1); and

H. Res. 370, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3009) to amend section 241(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deny assistance under such section to a State or political subdivision of a State that prohibits its officials from taking certain actions with respect to immigration (H. Rept. 114–223). **Page H5401**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Tipton to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5335**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:02 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5342**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 249 ayes to 169 noes with one answering "present", Roll No. 452. **Pages H5342, H5357**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2:14 p.m. **Page H5357**

**Official Photograph of the House in Session:** The official photograph of the House in session was taken pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 292. **Page H5357**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Pages H5357–58**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, July 23. **Page H5358**

**Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015:** The House passed H.R. 1734, to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals and establish requirements for the proper management and disposal of coal combustion residuals that are protective of human health and the environment, by a recorded vote of 258 ayes to 166 noes, Roll No. 458. **Pages H5358–80**

Rejected the Foster motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 457. **Pages H5378–80**

Agreed to:

Shimkus amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 114–216) that updates the reference to the

final rule and instead of referencing the date it was signed by the Administrator it inserts the date the final rule was published in the Federal Register; and **Page H5370**

Castor (FL) amendment (No. 3 printed in part C of H. Rept. 114–216) that preserves cleanup requirements in EPA's final coal ash rule to protect public health and ensure that air and groundwater pollution is addressed quickly and effectively. **Page H5371**

Rejected:

Pallone amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 114–216) that sought to preserve transparency requirements in EPA's final coal ash rule to ensure public access to information and accountability (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 453); **Pages H5370–71, H5375–76**

Connolly amendment (No. 4 printed in part C of H. Rept. 114–216) that sought to require all inactive surface impoundments follow post-closure groundwater monitoring standards pursuant to section 257.104 subsections (b) and (c) of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 454); **Pages H5371–72, H5376–77**

Adams amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 114–216) that sought to require the owner or operator of a coal combustion residuals surface impoundment to survey all drinking water supply wells that are within a half mile and down-gradient of the established waste boundary; require the owner or operator of a coal combustion residuals surface impoundment to supply an alternative source of safe drinking water within 24 hours if well water sampling exceeds groundwater standards (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 455); and **Pages H5373–74, H5377**

Butterfield amendment (No. 6 printed in part C of H. Rept. 114–216) that sought to allow the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to prevent the legislation from going into effect if it is determined to have a negative impact on vulnerable populations (by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 456). **Pages H5374–75, H5377–78**

H. Res. 369, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1599) and (H.R. 1734) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 175 noes, Roll No. 451, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 450. **Pages H5345–57**

**Senate Referral:** S. 286 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. **Page H5401**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5355–56, H5356–57, H5357, H5376, H5376–77, H5377,

H5377–78, H5379–80, and H5380. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### OVERSIGHT OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Department of Agriculture”. Testimony was heard from Tom Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 511, the “Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act of 2015”. H.R. 511 was ordered reported, as amended.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a markup on a bill to modernize energy infrastructure, build a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce, bolster America’s energy security and diplomacy, promote energy efficiency and government accountability, and for other purposes. The bill was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

### PROMOTING BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Promoting Broadband Infrastructure Investment”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### EXAMINING FEDERAL RESERVE REFORM PROPOSALS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Examining Federal Reserve Reform Proposals”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### THE IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL AND ITS IMPACT ON TERRORISM FINANCING

*Committee on Financial Services:* Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing held a hearing entitled “The Iran Nuclear Deal and Its Impact on Terrorism Financing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### PROMOTING U.S. COMMERCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Promoting U.S. Commerce in the Middle East

and North Africa”. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Richard, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and Scott Nathan, Special Representative for Commercial and Business Affairs, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State.

### THE UNFOLDING CRISIS IN BURUNDI

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The Unfolding Crisis in Burundi”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### AN ANALYSIS OF THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION’S SOCIAL COST OF CARBON

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “An Analysis of the Obama Administration’s Social Cost of Carbon”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 1880, the “Albuquerque Indian School Land Transfer Act”; and H.R. 2388, the “Subsistence Access Management Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from Mike Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 598, the “Taxpayers Right-To-Know Act”; H.R. 2320, the “Federal Improper Payments Coordination Act of 2015”; H.R. 3089, the “Grants Oversight and New Efficiency Act” or the “GONE Act”; H.R. 1613, the “Federal Vehicle Repair Cost Savings Act of 2015”; S. 136, the “Gold Star Fathers Act of 2015”; H.R. 3116, the “Quarterly Financial Report Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 322, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16105 Swingley Ridge Road in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the “Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office”; H.R. 323, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 Grasso Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office”; H.R. 324, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11662 Gravois Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office”; H.R. 558, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 South Pioneer Boulevard in Springboro, Ohio, as the “Richard ‘Dick’ Chenault Post Office”; H.R. 1884, to designate the facility of the United States Postal

Service located at 206 West Commercial Street in East Rochester, New York, as the “Officer Daryl R. Pierson Memorial Post Office”; and H.R. 3059, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4500 SE 28th Street, Del City, Oklahoma, as the “James Robert Kalsu Post Office”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 598, H.R. 2320, and H.R. 3089. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 1613, S. 136, H.R. 3116, H.R. 322, H.R. 323, H.R. 324, H.R. 558, H.R. 1884, and H.R. 3059.

#### **ENFORCE THE LAW FOR SANCTUARY CITIES ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3009, the “Enforce the Law for Sanctuary Cities Act”. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a closed rule for H.R. 3009. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte and Representative Lofgren.

#### **HOW TAX COMPLIANCE OBLIGATIONS HINDER SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “How Tax Compliance Obligations Hinder Small Business Growth”. Testimony was heard from J. Christopher Mihm, Managing Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

#### **HELPING REVITALIZE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “Helping Revitalize American Communities Through the Brownfields Program”. Testimony was heard from Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Cindy Hafner, Chief Legal Counsel, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency; J. Christian Bollwage, Mayor of the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey; Vernice Miller-Travis, Vice Chair, Maryland Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities, and member, National Environmental Justice Advisory Council to U.S. EPA; and public witnesses.

#### **SECRETARY’S TESTIMONY REGARDING THE PENDING VA HEALTH CARE BUDGET SHORTFALL AND SYSTEM SHUTDOWN**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing to receive the Secretary’s testimony regarding the pending VA health care budget shortfall and system shutdown. Testimony was heard from Robert McDonald, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 272, the “Medal of Honor Priority Care Act”; H.R. 359, the “Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act”; H.R. 421, the “Classified Veterans Access to Care Act”; H.R. 423, the “Newborn Care Improvement Act”; H.R. 1862, the “Veterans’ Credit Protection Act”; H.R. 2464, the “Demanding Accountability for Veterans Act of 2015”; H.R. 2915, the “Female Veteran Suicide Prevention Act”; H.R. 3016, the “VA Provider Equity Act”; and H.R. 3106, to authorize Department major medical facility construction projects for fiscal year 2015, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the administration of Department medical facility construction projects, and for other purposes. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, as amended: H.R. 421 and H.R. 3106. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, without amendment: H.R. 272, H.R. 359, H.R. 423, H.R. 1862, H.R. 2464, H.R. 2915, and H.R. 3016.

#### **HOSPITAL PAYMENT ISSUES, RURAL HEALTH ISSUES, AND BENEFICIARY ACCESS TO CARE**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing with MedPAC to discuss hospital payment issues, rural health issues, and beneficiary access to care. Testimony was heard from Mark Miller, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### **NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D798)

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. Signed on July 20, 2015. (Public Law 114–31)

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”. Signed on July 20, 2015. (Public Law 114–32)

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”. Signed on July 20, 2015. (Public Law 114–33)

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”. Signed on July 20, 2015. (Public Law 114–34)

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”. Signed on July 20, 2015. (Public Law 114–35)

H.R. 2620, to amend the United States Cotton Futures Act to exclude certain cotton futures contracts from coverage under such Act. Signed on July 20, 2015. (Public Law 114–36)

S. 179, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 3rd Avenue, NW., in Chisholm, Minnesota, as the “James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building”. Signed on July 20, 2015. (Public Law 114–37)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2016”, 10:30 a.m., SD–106.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General Robert B. Neller, USMC, to be General and Commandant of the Marine Corps, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine measuring the systemic importance of United States bank holding companies, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of W. Thomas Reeder, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine Iran nuclear agreement review, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine health information technology, focusing on information blocking and potential solutions, 10 a.m., SD–430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Denise Turner Roth, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of General Services, General Services Administration, 10 a.m., SD–342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 1169, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and the nomination of Michael C. McGowan, to be United States Marshal for the District of Delaware, Department of Justice, for the term of four years, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine Dodd-Frank at five years, 2 p.m., SD–226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

### House

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Examining the Costs and Consequences of the Administration’s Overtime Proposal”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, markup on H.R. 1344, the “Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act”; H.R. 1462, the “Protecting Our Infants Act”; H.R. 1725, the “National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Reauthorization Act (NASPER)”; and H.R. 2820, the “Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, markup on H.R. 985, the “Concrete Masonry Products, Research, Education, and Promotion Act of 2015”; the “Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act of 2015”; and the “E-Warranty Act of 2015”, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ending ‘Too Big to Fail’: What is the Proper Role of Capital and Liquidity?”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “National Credit Union Administration Operations and Budget”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “America’s Security Role in the South China Sea”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Implications of a Nuclear Agreement with Iran, Part III”, 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Pursuing North American Energy Independence: Mexico’s Energy Reforms”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Transportation Security, markup on H.R. 3102, the “Airport Access Control Security Improvement Act of 2015”; a Committee Print consisting of the “Transportation Security Administration Reform and Improvement Act of 2015”; and the “Partners for Aviation Security Act”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, business meeting to request Department of Homeland Security departmental reports on the beneficiaries of H.R. 422, for the relief of Corina de

Chalup Turcinovic; and H.R. 396, for the relief of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas; and hearing entitled “Sanctuary Cities: a Threat to Public Safety”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing entitled “New and Innovative Ideas for the Next Century of Our National Parks”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 564, the “Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act”; H.R. 1772, the “Delaware River Basin Conservation Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2168, the “West Coast Dungeness Crab Management Act”, 10:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on the Interior, hearing entitled “Modernizing the National Park Service Concession Program”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Energy; and Subcommittee on Oversight, joint hearing entitled “The EPA Renewable Fuel Standard Mandate”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

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