

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5893–S6043.

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1863–1872, and S. Res. 230–232. Page S5928

Measures Reported:

S. 310, to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government. (S. Rept. No. 114–93)

S. 1172, to improve the process of presidential transition, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 114–94)

S. 1576, to amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 114–95) Page S5928

Measures Passed:

Condemning the Attack in Lafayette, Louisiana: Senate agreed to S. Res. 231, honoring the memory and legacy of the two Louisiana citizens who lost their lives, recognizing the heroism of first responders and those on the scene, and condemning the attack of July 23, 2015, in Lafayette, Louisiana. Pages S5906–07

NOTICE Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 876, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals, and the bill was then passed. Pages S5920–21

Measures Considered:

Hire More Heroes Act—Agreement: Senate continued 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, after taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: Pages S5893, S5907–19, S5921–22

Adopted:

By 64 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 256), McConnell (for Kirk) Amendment No. 2327 (to Amendment No. 2266), to reauthorize and reform the Export-Import Bank of the United States. Pages S5921–22

Rejected:

McConnell Amendment No. 2329 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2266), of a perfecting nature. (Senate tabled the amendment.) Page S5921

Pending:

McConnell Modified Amendment No. 2266, in the nature of a substitute. Page S5893

McConnell Amendment No. 2421 (to Amendment No. 2266), of a perfecting nature. Page S5922

McConnell (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2533 (to Amendment No. 2421), relating to Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs. Page S5922

McConnell Amendment No. 2417 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2266), to change the enactment date. Page S5922

McConnell Amendment No. 2418 (to Amendment No. 2417), of a perfecting nature. Page S5922

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

By 79 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 255), Senate agreed to the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators. Page S5921

McConnell Amendment No. 2330 (to Amendment No. 2329), to change the enactment date, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 2329 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2266) (listed above), was tabled. Page S5921

Chair sustained a point of order that McConnell Amendment No. 2328 (to Amendment No. 2327), to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely, was not germane, and the amendment thus fell. Page S5921

By 62 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 257), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McConnell Modified Amendment No. 2266 (listed above). Page S5922

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, July 28, 2015; that all time during the adjournment of the Senate count post-cloture on McConnell Modified Amendment No. 2266.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

61 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
7 Army nominations in the rank of general.
1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
7 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of Illinois, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

Richard Capel Howorth, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2020.

Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Messages from the House: **Pages S5927–28**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S5928–31**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S5931–33**

Additional Statements: **Pages S5923–27**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S5933–42**

Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—6)

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—257)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:13 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6042.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3214–3229; 1 private bill, H.R. 3230; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 381–384, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1634, to strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–226);

H.R. 2750, to reform programs of the Transportation Security Administration, streamline transportation security regulations, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–227);

H.R. 348, to provide for improved coordination of agency actions in the preparation and adoption of environmental documents for permitting determinations, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–228, Part 1);

Supplemental report on H.R. 1994, 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, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–225, Part 2);

H.R. 1138, to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–229); and

H. Res. 380, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 427) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law; providing for proceedings during the period from July 30, 2015, through September 7, 2015, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–230).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Curbelo (FL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:18 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m.

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

Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness Additions Act: H.R. 1138, to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho; **Pages H5475–78**

Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2015: H.R. 774, amended, to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention; **Pages H5478–86**

Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission Act of 2015: H.R. 1831, amended, to establish the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking; **Pages H5486–88**

Hire More Heroes Act of 2015: H.J. Res. 61, amending 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; **Pages H5488–90**

Need-Based Educational Aid Act of 2015: S. 1482, to improve and reauthorize provisions relating to the application of the antitrust laws to the award of need-based educational aid, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 378 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 467; **Pages H5490–91, H5510–11**

Secret Service Improvements Act of 2015: H.R. 1656, amended, to provide for additional resources for the Secret Service, and to improve protections for restricted areas, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 365 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 468; **Pages H5491–94, H5510, H5511–12**

Border Security Technology Accountability Act of 2015: H.R. 1634, amended, to strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology at the Department of Homeland Security; **Pages H5494–95**

Preclearance Authorization Act of 2015: H.R. 998, amended, 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; **Pages H5495–97**

Improved Security Vetting for Aviation Workers Act of 2015: H.R. 2750, amended, to reform pro-

grams of the Transportation Security Administration and streamline transportation security regulations; **Pages H5497–99**

Keeping our Travelers Safe and Secure Act: H.R. 2770, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require certain maintenance of security-related technology at airports, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 380 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 469; **Pages H5499–H5501, H5510, H5512–13**

Independent Contractor Tax Fairness and Simplification Act of 2015: H.R. 2483, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide standards for determining employment status; **Pages H5501–02**

Securing Expedited Screening Act: H.R. 2127, amended, 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; **Pages H5502–04**

State Wide Interoperable Communications Enhancement Act: H.R. 2206, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require recipients of State Homeland Security Grant Program funding to preserve and strengthen interoperable emergency communications capabilities; **Pages H5506–08**

Veterans Entrepreneurship Act of 2015: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2499, to amend the Small Business Act to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs and to help create jobs; and **Pages H5508–10**

Ruth Moore Act of 2015: H.R. 1607, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma. **Pages H5517–19**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:36 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H5510**

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 64, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the Monuments Men. **Page H5513**

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

First Responder Anthrax Preparedness Act: H.R. 1300, amended, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and

antimicrobials available to emergency response providers; and

Pages H5504–06

Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2015: H.R. 675, amended, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2015, 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.

Pages H5513–17

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H5474, H5519.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5510–11, H5511–12, and H5512–13. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REGULATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN NEED OF SCRUTINY ACT OF 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 427, the “Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a structured rule for H.R. 427. The rule provides one hour of general 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 makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the report. Each such amendment may be offered 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 part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from July 30,

2015 through September 7, 2015: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 3, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2. In section 4, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546). In section 5, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution shall not constitute a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII (resolutions of inquiry). In section 6, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of July 30, 2015, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. In section 7, the rule waives the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) with respect to any resolution reported through the legislative day of July 30, 2015. Finally, in section 8, the rule addresses access to the Chamber for the joint meeting to be held on September 24, 2015. Testimony was heard from Representatives Marino, Johnson of Georgia, and Young of Iowa.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine lifting the crude oil export ban, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider an original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, S. 133, to approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, to improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production in the Klamath River Basin in the public interest and the interest of the United States, S. 145, to require the Director of the National Park Service to refund to States all State funds that were used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the October 2013 shutdown, S. 146, to authorize

the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with States and political subdivisions of States providing for the continued operation, in whole or in part, of public land, units of the National Park System, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and units of the National Forest System in the State during any period in which the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture is unable to maintain normal level of operations at the units due to a lapse in appropriations, S. 329, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 403, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, S. 521, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of President Station in Baltimore, Maryland, S. 583, to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho, S. 593, to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets, S. 610, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, Maryland and for other purposes, S. 720, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, S. 873, to designate the wilderness within the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska as the Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Area, S. 1103, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam, S. 1104, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam, S. 1240, to designate the Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas in the State of New Mexico, S. 1305, to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act to authorize the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir, S. 1483, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in Columbia, Tennessee, as a unit of the National Park System, S. 1694, to amend Public Law 103–434 to authorize Phase III of the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project for the purposes of improving water management in the Yakima River basin, an original bill to provide for reforms of the administration of the Outer Continental Shelf of the United States, and the nomination of Jonathan Elkind, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs), 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the State Department's proposal to construct a new diplomatic security training facility, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 11:30 a.m., SH–219.

Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled "First Principles of Congressional Budgeting", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Reviewing the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Continuing Concerns with the Federal Select Agent Program: Department of Defense Shipments of Live Anthrax", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Continued Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 985, "Concrete Masonry Products Research, Education, and Promotion Act of 2015"; H.R. 3154, "E-Warranty Act of 2015"; H.R. 1344, "Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2015"; H.R. 1462, "Protecting Our Infants Act of 2015"; H.R. 1725, "National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Authorization Act of 2015"; and H.R. 2820, "Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act of 2015", 5 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 766, the "Financial Institution Customer Protection Act of 2015"; H.R. 1210, the "Portfolio Lending and Mortgage Access Act"; H.R. 1317, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions, and for other purposes; H.R. 1553, the "Small Bank Exam Cycle Reform Act of 2015"; H.R. 1737, the "Reforming CFPB Indirect Auto Financing Guidance Act"; H.R. 1839, the "Reforming Access for Investments in Startup Enterprises Act of 2015"; H.R. 1941, the "Financial Institutions Examination Fairness and Reform Act"; H.R. 2091, the "Child Support Assistance Act of 2015"; H.R. 2243, the "Equity in Government Compensation Act of 2015"; H.R. 2643, the "State Licensing Efficiency Act of 2015"; H.R. 2912, the "Centennial Monetary Commission Act of 2015"; H.R. 3032, the "Securities and Exchange Commission Reporting Modernization Act"; H.R. 3189, the "Fed Oversight Reform and Modernization Act of 2015"; and H.R. 3192, the "Homebuyers Assistance Act", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Iran Nuclear Agreement: The Administration's Case", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; *Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific;* and *Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa,* joint hearing entitled "The Iran-North Korea Strategic Alliance", 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, hearing entitled “Promoting and Incentivizing Cybersecurity Best Practices”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, hearing entitled “America’s Growing Heroin Epidemic”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Accountability, Policies, and Tactics of Law Enforcement within the Department of Interior and Forest Service”, 10:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Federal Implementation of the Coastal Zone Management Act”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “Impact of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1994, the “VA Accountability Act of 2015”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Exploration of the Solar System: From Mercury to Pluto and Beyond”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “A Hearing on the Federal Radio-navigation Plan, H.R. 1684, the Foreign Spill Protection Act, and H.R. ___, the National Icebreaker Fund Act of 2015”, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing to discuss rural health care disparities created by Medicare regulations, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing on Iran, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing will be closed.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine dynamic scoring, focusing on how it will affect fiscal policymaking, 2 p.m., SH-216.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 28 through July 31, 2015

Senate Chamber

On Tuesday, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 22, Hire More Heroes Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: July 30, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related

Agencies, to hold hearings to examine whistleblower claims at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: July 29, to hold hearings to examine the impacts of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) on United States interests and the military balance in the Middle East, 9:45 a.m., SD-G50.

July 29, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine best practices at public and private shipyards, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

July 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Admiral John M. Richardson, USN, to be Chief of Naval Operations, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: July 28, to hold hearings to examine lifting the crude oil export ban, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

July 29, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine the role of bankruptcy reform in addressing too-big-to-fail, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: July 29, to hold hearings to examine wireless broadband and the future of spectrum policy, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: July 28, business meeting to consider an original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, S. 133, to approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, to improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production in the Klamath River Basin in the public interest and the interest of the United States, S. 145, to require the Director of the National Park Service to refund to States all State funds that were used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the October 2013 shutdown, S. 146, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with States and political subdivisions of States providing for the continued operation, in whole or in part, of public land, units of the National Park System, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and units of the National Forest System in the State during any period in which the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture is unable to maintain normal level of operations at the units due to a lapse in appropriations, S. 329, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 403, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, S. 521, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of President Station in Baltimore, Maryland, S. 583, to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho, S. 593, to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets, S. 610, to authorize the

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Committee on Foreign Relations: July 29, business meeting to consider S. 284, to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, S. 1632, to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram, and the nominations of Michele Thoren Bond, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Consular Affairs), and Sarah Elizabeth Mendelson, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, both of the District of Columbia, Sheila Gwaltney, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, Perry L. Holloway, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Laura Farnsworth Dogu, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, and Peter F. Mulrean, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, all of the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

July 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, 10 a.m., SD–419.

July 29, Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation, to hold hearings to examine the financial crisis in Greece, focusing on implications and lessons learned, 2 p.m., SD–419.

July 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine sanctions and the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, 10 a.m., SD–419.

July 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lucy Tamlyn, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, Jeffrey J. Hawkins,

Jr., of California, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic, David R. Gilmour, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, and Daniel H. Rubinstein, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, all of the Department of State, 2 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: July 29, to hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on combating campus sexual assault, 9 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: July 28, to hold hearings to examine the State Department's proposal to construct a new diplomatic security training facility, 10 a.m., SD–342.

July 29, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “Department of Homeland Security Border Security Metrics Act of 2015”, an original bill entitled, “Critical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2015”, an original bill entitled, “EINSTEIN Act of 2015”, S. 1073, to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, an original bill entitled, “Quarterly Financial Reporting Reauthorization Act of 2015”, S. 1607, to affirm the authority of the President to require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies, S. 1526, to amend title 10 and title 41, United States Code, to improve the manner in which Federal contracts for construction and design services are awarded, to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for design and construction services procurements, to amend title 31 and 41, United States Code, to improve the payment protections available to construction contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers for work performed, S. 1820, to require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rule making for major rules, S. 1817, to improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review, S. 1808, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a Northern Border threat analysis, S. 779, to provide for Federal agencies to develop public access policies relating to research conducted by employees of that agency or from funds administered by that agency, S. Res. 104, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the success of Operation Streamline and the importance of prosecuting first time illegal border crossers, S. 708, to establish an independent advisory committee to review certain regulations, S. 1170, to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, 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, an original bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 99 West 2nd Street in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as the “Lieutenant Colonel James ‘Maggie’ Megellas Post Office”, S. 1596, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2082 Stringtown Road in

Grove City, Ohio, as the “Specialist Joseph W. Riley Post Office Building”, and the nomination of Denise Turner Roth, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of General Services, 10 a.m., SD-342.

July 30, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the impact of the United States tax code on the market for corporate control and jobs, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: July 29, business meeting to consider S. 383, to provide for Indian trust asset management reform, and S. 732, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes, to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the true costs of alcohol and drug abuse in Native communities, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

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Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: July 29, business meeting to consider S. 1400, to amend the Small Business Act to direct the task force of the Office of Veterans Business Development to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses, S. 1756, to help small businesses take advantage of energy efficiency, S. 1857, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, S. 1866, to establish the veterans’ business outreach center program, to improve the programs for veterans of the Small Business Administration, an original bill entitled, “A Sense of the Committee on the Small Business Tax Compliance Relief Act of 2015”, and an original bill entitled, “Veterans Entrepreneurial Transition Act of 2015”, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

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