

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6477–S6542

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2010–2020, and S. Res. 249–250. **Pages S6532–33**

Measures Reported:

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. Rept. No. 114–124)

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, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 114–125)

S. 521, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of President Station in Baltimore, Maryland, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 114–126)

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. Rept. No. 114–127)

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, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 114–128)

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. Rept. No. 114–129)

S. 720, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 114–130)

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, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 114–131)

S. 1103, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam. (S. Rept. No. 114–132)

S. 1104, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam. (S. Rept. No. 114–133)

S. 1240, to designate the Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas in the State of New Mexico, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 114–134)

S. 1305, to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act to authorize the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–135)

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, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 114–136)

S. 2011, to provide for reforms of the administration of the Outer Continental Shelf of the United States. (S. Rept. No. 114–137)

S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States. (S. Rept. No. 114–138) **Page S6532**

Measures Passed:

Special Needs Trust Fairness Act: Senate passed S. 349, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to empower individuals with disabilities to establish their own supplemental needs trusts. **Page S6539**

Border Jobs for Veterans Act: Senate passed S. 1603, to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6539–40**

Fischer (for Johnson) Amendment No. 2648, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6539–40**

Death of former Senator Richard Schultz Schweiker: Senate agreed to S. Res. 250, relative to the death of Richard Schultz Schweiker, former United States Senator for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. **Page S6540**

Measures Considered:

Hire More Heroes Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 2640, of a perfecting nature. **Page S6478**

McConnell Amendment No. 2641 (to Amendment No. 2640), to change the enactment date. **Page S6478**

McConnell Amendment No. 2642 (to Amendment No. 2641), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6478**

McConnell Amendment No. 2643 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2640), to change the enactment date. **Page S6478**

McConnell Amendment No. 2644 (to Amendment No. 2643), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6478**

McConnell motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2645, to change the enactment date. **Page S6478**

McConnell Amendment No. 2646 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2645), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6478**

McConnell Amendment No. 2647 (to Amendment No. 2646), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6478**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell Amendment No. 2640, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, September 11, 2015. **Page S6518**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the joint resolution, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of McConnell Amendment No. 2640. **Page S6518**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 10, 2015, with the time equally divided until 4:30 p.m.; that the debate be structured with alternating one hour blocks controlled by the two

Leaders, or their designees, until 4 p.m., and that the Majority control the first hour starting at 10 a.m. **Page S6540**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Charles R. Breyer, of California, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2021.

Richard Franklin Boulware, II, of Nevada, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2019.

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

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Page S6542**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Richard Schultz Schweiker, in accordance with S. Res. 250, at 8:37 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6540.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 3455–3468; 1 private bill, H.R. 3469; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 66; H. Con. Res. 75–76; and H. Res. 411 and 413, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1554, to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–257);

H.R. 2223, to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–258); and

H. Res. 412, providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 411) finding that the President has not complied with section 2 of the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3461) to approve the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, signed at Vienna on July 14, 2015, relating to the nuclear program of Iran; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3460) to suspend until January 21, 2017, the authority of the President to waive, suspend, reduce, provide relief from, or otherwise limit the application of sanctions pursuant to an agreement related to the nuclear program of Iran (H. Rept. 114–259).

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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 11:06 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Robert Michaels, Serve and Protect, Brentwood, Tennessee.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:32 p.m. and reconvened at 10:27 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE FUTURE OF AIR FORCE LONG-RANGE STRIKE—CAPABILITIES AND EMPLOYMENT CONCEPTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower held a hearing entitled “The Future of Air Force Long-Range Strike—capabilities and employment concepts”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RESTORING THE TRUST FOR YOUNG AMERICANS

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Restoring the Trust for Young Americans”. Testimony was heard from Saira Blair, Delegate, West Virginia House of Delegates; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power; and Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, held a joint hearing entitled “Oversight of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission”. Testimony was heard from Jeff Baran, Commissioner, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Stephen Burns, Commissioner, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; William Ostendorff, Commissioner, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and Kristine Svinicki, Commissioner, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

PROTECTING AFFORDABLE COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Protecting Affordable Coverage for Employees”. Testimony was heard from Mike Kreidler, Washington State Insurance Commissioner; and public witnesses.

COULD AMERICA DO MORE? AN EXAMINATION OF U.S. EFFORTS TO STOP THE FINANCING OF TERROR

Committee on Financial Services: Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing held a hearing entitled “Could America Do More? An Examination of U.S. Efforts to Stop the Financing of Terror”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPLICATIONS OF A NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WITH IRAN, PART IV

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Implications of a Nuclear Agreement with Iran, Part IV”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AGRICULTURAL TRADE WITH CUBA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Agricultural Trade with Cuba”. Testimony was heard from John Smith, Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury; Phil Karsting, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture; and Matt Borman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce.

THE ROLE OF WATER IN AVOIDING CONFLICT AND BUILDING PROSPERITY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats; and Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, held a joint hearing entitled “The Role of Water in Avoiding Conflict and Building Prosperity”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD EXPOSED: EXAMINING THE HORRIFIC ABORTION PRACTICES AT THE NATION’S LARGEST ABORTION PROVIDER

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Planned Parenthood Exposed: Examining the Horrific Abortion Practices at the Nation’s Largest Abortion Provider”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 538, the “Native American Energy Act”; H.R. 1541, the “PRISM Act”; H.R. 1644, the “STREAM Act”; H.R. 1880, the “Albuquerque Indian School Land Transfer Act”; H.R. 2130, the “Red River Private Property Protection Act”; H.R. 2168, the “West Coast Dungeness Crab Management Act”; and H.R. 2288, to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia, and for other purposes.

VIOLENCE ON THE BORDER: KEEPING U.S. PERSONNEL SAFE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Violence on the Border: Keeping U.S. Personnel Safe”. Testimony was heard from William H. Moser, Deputy Director, Bureau of Overseas Building Operations, Depart-

ment of State; Gregory B. Starr, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Department of State; Sue Saarnio, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; Robert L. Harris, Director, Joint Task Force-West, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and a public witness.

RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS NOT COMPLIED WITH SECTION 2 OF THE IRAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT REVIEW ACT OF 2015; A BILL TO SUSPEND UNTIL JANUARY 21, 2017, THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT TO WAIVE, SUSPEND, REDUCE, PROVIDE RELIEF FROM, OR OTHERWISE LIMIT THE APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS PURSUANT TO AN AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE NUCLEAR PROGRAM OF IRAN; AND A BILL TO APPROVE THE JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION, SIGNED AT VIENNA ON JULY 14, 2015, RELATING TO THE NUCLEAR PROGRAM OF IRAN

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H. Res. 411, finding that the President has not complied with section 2 of the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015; H.R. 3460, to suspend until January 21, 2017, the authority of the President to waive, suspend, reduce, provide relief from, or otherwise limit the application of sanctions pursuant to an agreement related to the nuclear program of Iran; and H.R. 3461, to approve the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, signed at Vienna on July 14, 2015, relating to the nuclear program of Iran. The committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a closed rule for H. Res. 411. The rule provides two hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Minority Leader or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule also grants a closed rule for H.R. 3461. The rule provides three hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Minority Leader or their respective designees. 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. Lastly, the rule grants a closed rule for H.R. 3460. The rule provides two hours of debate, with 30 minutes controlled by the chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or his designee, 30 minutes controlled by the chair of the Committee on Ways and

Means or his designee, and one hour controlled by the Minority Leader or her designee. 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 Representatives Pompeo and Roskam.

HOLDING EPA ACCOUNTABLE FOR POLLUTING WESTERN WATERS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Holding EPA Accountable for Polluting Western Waters”. Testimony was heard from Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Dean Brookie, Mayor, Durango, Colorado; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “Optimized Fleet Response Plan”, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “The Obama Administration’s Deal with Iran: Implications for Missile Defense and Nonproliferation”, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and The Workforce, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training, hearing entitled “Preventing and Responding to Sexual Assault on College Campuses”, 10 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, markup on H.R. 702, to adapt to changing crude oil market conditions, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, joint hearing entitled “Preserving Retirement Security and In-

vestment Choices for All Americans”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere; and Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, joint hearing entitled “China’s Advance in Latin America and the Caribbean”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, markup on Committee Print of the “Promoting Resilience and Efficiency in Preparing for Attacks and Responding to Emergencies Act”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled “The State of Competition in the Health Care Marketplace: The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act’s Impact on Competition”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “Unmanned Aerial Vehicles: Commercial Applications and Public Policy Implications”, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 538, the “Native American Energy Act”; H.R. 1541, the “PRISM Act”; H.R. 1644, the “STREAM Act”; H.R. 1880, the “Albuquerque Indian School Land Transfer Act”; H.R. 2130, the “Red River Private Property Protection Act”; H.R. 2168, the “West Coast Dungeness Crab Management Act”; and H.R. 2288, to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia, and for other purposes (continued), 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “GSA: Army Fee Assistance”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Oversight; and Subcommittee on Energy, joint hearing entitled “Examining Vulnerabilities of America’s Power Supply”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Research and Technology, markup on Committee Print of the “Surface Transportation Research and Development Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2886, the “Future Transportation Research and Innovation for Prosperity Act”, 2:30 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “A Review of Licensing and Credentialing Standards for Servicemembers and Veterans: Do Barriers Still Remain?”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways And Means, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 692, the “Default Prevention Act”; and H.R. 3442, the “Debt Management and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2015”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “World Wide Cyber Threats”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.J. Res. 61, Hire More Heroes Act

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, September 10

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H. Res. 411—Finding that the President has not complied with section 2 of the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015 (Subject to a Rule); consideration of H.R. 3461—To approve the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action relating to the nuclear program of Iran (Subject to a Rule); and consideration of H.R. 3460—To suspend until January 21, 2017, the authority of the President to waive, suspend, reduce, provide relief from, or otherwise limit the application of sanctions pursuant to an agreement related to the nuclear program of Iran (Subject to a Rule).

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