

**CORRECTION**

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 719, Continuing Appropriations Act, with an amendment.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7011–S7053.*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2102–2113, and S. Res. 272. **Pages S7046–47**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 209, to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005. (S. Rept. No. 114–149) **Page S7046**

#### Measures Passed:

*United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reauthorization Act:* Senate passed S. 2078, to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom. **Pages S7051–52**

*National Kinship Care Month:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 266, designating September 2015 as “National Kinship Care Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7052**

*Fair Minimum Wage Act:* Senate passed H.R. 2617, to amend the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 to reduce a scheduled increase in the minimum wage applicable to American Samoa, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S7052**

McConnell (for Isakson) Amendment No. 2705, to reduce an increase in the minimum wage for American Samoa, to adjust the reporting requirements of the Government Accountability Office regarding the proposed minimum wage increases for American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. **Page S7052**

McConnell (for Isakson) Amendment No. 2706, to amend the title. **Page S7052**

#### Measures Considered:

**Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2029, Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. **Pages S7014–43, H7052–53**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Wednesday, September 30, 2015, a vote on cloture will occur at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, October 1, 2015. **Page S7053**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 1, 2015, with the time until 1:45 p.m., equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that notwithstanding rule XXII, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 1:45 p.m. **Pages S7052–53**

#### House Messages:

*Continuing Appropriations Act:* By 78 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. 272), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 719, to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, with McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 2689, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7013–14**

**Withdrawn:**

McConnell Amendment No. 2690 (to Amendment No. 2689), to change the enactment date.

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**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous consent agreement was reached providing that Senator Gardner be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions on Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

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**Messages from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the notification of the President's intent to terminate the designations of Seychelles, Uruguay, and Venezuela as beneficiary developing countries under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-24) **Pages S7045-46**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the notification of the President's intent to terminate the designation of Seychelles as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGO) program; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-25) **Page S7046**

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

- 2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 2 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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**Messages from the House:** **Page S7046**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S7046**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S7047-48**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Page S7050**

**Notices of Intent:** **Page S7050**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S7050-51**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—272) **Page S7014**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7053.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, including S. 67, to amend the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 to confirm that a customer's net equity claim is based on the customer's last statement and that certain recoveries are prohibited, to change how trustees are appointed, after receiving testimony from Stephen P. Harbeck, Securities Investor Protection Corporation, Sigmund S. Wissner-Gross, Brown Rudnick, LLP, and James W. Giddens, Hughes Hubbard and Reed LLP, all of Washington, D.C.; and J.W. Verret, George Mason School of Law, Fairfax, Virginia.

### ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Army Corps of Engineers' participation in the development of the new regulatory definition of "Waters of the United States", after receiving testimony from Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of Defense.

### ECONOMIC CRISIS IN UKRAINE

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine the economic crisis in Ukraine, after receiving testimony from Christine Lagarde, International Monetary Fund, Washington, D.C.

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Education and student achievement, after receiving testimony from Ted Mitchell, Under Secretary of Education; Richard K. Vedder, Center for College Affordability and Productivity, Athens, Ohio; and Kevin Carey, New America, Washington, D.C.

### END OF THE YEAR SPENDING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management concluded a hearing to examine end of the year spending, after receiving testimony from Jason J. Fichtner, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia; Philip G. Joyce, University of Maryland School of

Public Policy, College Park; and Dean W. Sinclair, Alexandria, Virginia.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 799, to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1893, to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 481, to amend the Controlled Substances Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Brian R. Martinotti, and Julien Xavier Neals, both to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, who were both introduced by Senators Menendez and Booker, Robert F. Rossiter, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, who was introduced by Senator Fischer, and Edward L. Stanton III, to be United States District

Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, who was introduced by Senators Alexander and Corker, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael Herman Michaud, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

### PENSION ADVANCES

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine pension advances, focusing on questionable business practices and the Federal response, after receiving testimony from Stephen Lord, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; Kaycee L. Wolf, Arkansas Securities Department, Little Rock; Stuart T. Rossman, National Consumer Law Center, Boston, Massachusetts; Maria Walden, Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri, Jefferson City; and Louis Kroot, USN (Ret.), Lexington, Kentucky.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 3651–3659; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 80; and H. Res. 450–453, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H6749–50**

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

H.R. 1880, to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico (H. Rept. 114–271);

H. Res. 448, providing for the consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 79) directing the Clerk of the House to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 719, and providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R.

719) to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–272);

H. Res. 449, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3457) to prohibit the lifting of sanctions on Iran until the Government of Iran pays the judgments against it for acts of terrorism, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 114–273);

H.R. 2168, to make the current Dungeness crab fishery management regime permanent and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–274); and

H.R. 1541, to amend title 54, United States Code, to make Hispanic-serving institutions eligible for technical and financial assistance for the establishment of preservation training and degree programs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–275).

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

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

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend William Vanderbush, Cathedral of Praise, Austin, Texas.

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

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

*Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2015:* S. 2082, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 526.

Pages H6719–27, H6730–31

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2:09 p.m.

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**Unanimous Consent Agreement:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of adopting a motion to concur pursuant to House Resolution 448 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20.

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**TSA Office of Inspection Accountability Act of 2015:** The House agreed to the motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 719) to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, by a yea-and-nay vote of 277 yeas to 151 nays, Roll No. 528.

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H. Res. 448, the rule providing for the consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 79) and providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 719), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 525, after the previous question was ordered.

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**Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 719:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 79, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 719,

by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 185 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 527.

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H. Res. 448, the rule providing for the consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 79) and providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 719), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 525, after the previous question was ordered.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, October 1.

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**Presidential Messages:** Read a message from the President wherein he terminated the designations of Seychelles, Uruguay, and Venezuela as beneficiary developing countries under the Generalized System of Preferences program—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–59).

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Read a message from the President wherein he terminated the designation of Seychelles as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country under the African Growth and Opportunity Act program—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–60).

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6716.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6729–30, H6730–31, H6741–42, and H6742–43. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a markup on 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; and a hearing entitled "U.S. International Food Aid Programs: Stakeholder Perspectives". H.R. 1317 was ordered reported, as amended. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### IMPLEMENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CYBER STRATEGY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Implementing the Department of Defense Cyber Strategy". Testimony was heard from Robert O. Work, Deputy Secretary of Defense; Admiral Michael Rogers, USN, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command; and Terry Halvorsen, Acting Department of Defense Chief Information Officer.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a markup on a Committee Print of legislation regarding the Committee's instruction pursuant to section 2002(a)(1) of S. Con. Res. 11. The Committee Print legislation regarding the Committee's instruction pursuant to S. Con. Res. 11, the Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016, was approved, as amended, for transmittal to the Committee on the Budget.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 8, the "North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015"; H.R. 3242, the "Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act of 2015"; and Proposed Matters for Inclusion in Reconciliation Recommendations. H.R. 8 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3242 and the Proposed Matters for Inclusion in Reconciliation Recommendations were ordered reported, without amendment.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 414, the "Burdensome Data Collection Relief Act"; H.R. 957, the "Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection-Inspector General Reform Act of 2015"; H.R. 1090, the "Retail Investor Protection Act"; H.R. 1266, the "Financial Product Safety Commission Act of 2015"; and H.R. 2769, the "Risk-Based Capital Study Act of 2015". H.R. 414, H.R. 2769, H.R. 957, and H.R. 1090 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1266 was ordered reported, as amended.

**CYBER WAR: DEFINITIONS, DETERRENCE, AND FOREIGN POLICY**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Cyber War: Definitions, Deterrence, and Foreign Policy". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**RIDDING CENTRAL AFRICA OF JOSEPH KONY: CONTINUING U.S. SUPPORT**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled "Ridding Central Africa of Joseph Kony: Continuing U.S. Support". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**THE THREAT OF ISLAMIST EXTREMISM IN RUSSIA**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled "The Threat of Islamist Extremism in Russia". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3102, the "Airport Access Con-

trol Security Improvement Act of 2015"; H.R. 3144, the "Partners for Aviation Security Act"; H.R. 3350, the "Know the CBRN Terrorism Threats to Transportation Act"; H.R. 3361, the "Department of Homeland Security Insider Threat and Mitigation Act of 2015"; H.R. 3490, the "Strengthening State and Local Cyber Crime Fighting Act"; H.R. 3493, the "Securing the Cities Act of 2015"; H.R. 3503, the "Department of Homeland Security Support to Fusion Centers Act of 2015"; H.R. 3505, the "Department of Homeland Security Clearance Management and Administration Act"; H.R. 3510, the "Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity Strategy Act of 2015"; H.R. 3572, the "DHS Headquarters Reform and Improvement Act of 2015"; H.R. 3578, the "DHS Science and Technology Reform and Improvement Act of 2015"; H.R. 3583, the "Promoting Resilience and Efficiency in Preparing for Attacks and Responding to Emergencies Act"; H.R. 3584, the "Transportation Security Administration Reform and Improvement Act of 2015"; H.R. 3586, the "Border and Maritime Coordination Improvement Act"; and H.R. 3598, the "Fusion Center Enhancement Act of 2015". H.R. 3102, H.R. 3144, H.R. 3361, H.R. 3490, H.R. 3493, H.R. 3503, H.R. 3510, H.R. 3572, H.R. 3578, H.R. 3583, H.R. 3584, H.R. 3586, and H.R. 3598 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3350 and H.R. 3505 were ordered reported, without amendment.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2745, the "Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules (SMARTER) Act of 2015"; and H.R. 3490, the "Strengthening State and Local Cyber Crime Fighting Act". H.R. 2745 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 3490 was ordered reported, as amended.

**RESPECTING STATE AUTHORITY, RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPERTISE REGARDING RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Respecting State Authority, Responsibilities and Expertise Regarding Resource Management and Energy Development". Testimony was heard from Steve Bullock, Governor, State of Montana; Dennis Daugaard, Governor, State of South Dakota; Gary Herbert, Governor, State of Utah; and Matt Mead, Governor, State of Wyoming.

**STATUS OF TOLL INTEROPERABILITY**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Assets held a hearing entitled "Status of Toll Interoperability". Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Lindley, Associate Administrator, Office of Operations, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

**CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016; CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN THE ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 719; JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF IRANIAN TERRORISM ACT; AND SENATE AMENDMENT TO TSA OFFICE OF INSPECTION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2015**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on the conference report to accompany H.R. 1735, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016”; H. Con. Res. 79, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 719; H.R. 3457, the “Justice for Victims of Iranian Terrorism Act” [rule markup and reporting only]; and senate amendment to H.R. 719, the “TSA Office of Inspection Accountability Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a closed rule for H. Con. Res. 79. The rule provides 20 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and Minority Leader or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution. The rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the concurrent resolution. Additionally, the rule Provides for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 719. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 719. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion and provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a closed rule for H.R. 3457. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report 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 provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1735, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be con-

sidered as read. The rule provides that the previous question be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. The rule divides debate on the conference report pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII. In section 3, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of October 1, 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. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thornberry, Chairman Rogers of Kentucky, and Representatives Smith of Washington, Lowey, and Mulvaney.

**DYSLEXIA AND THE NEED TO READ: H.R. 3033, THE RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AND ADVANCEMENTS FOR DYSLEXIA ACT**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Dyslexia and the Need to READ: H.R. 3033, the Research Excellence and Advancements for Dyslexia Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**THE GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE: A REVIEW OF THE PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES IN RESTORING THE GREAT LAKES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative: A Review of the Progress and Challenges in Restoring the Great Lakes”. Testimony was heard from Chris Korleski, Director, Great Lakes National Program Office, Environmental Protection Agency; Jose Alfredo Gomez, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and Tony Kramer, Acting Regional Conservationist, Northeast Region, Natural Resource Conservation Service; John Dickert, Mayor of the City of Racine, Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR’S PROPOSED FIDUCIARY RULE**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Department of Labor’s proposed fiduciary rule. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

*Joint Meetings*

**FINANCING HIGHER EDUCATION**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine financing higher education, focusing on exploring current challenges and potential alternatives, after receiving testimony from Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana; and Andrew P. Kelly, American Enterprise Institute Center on Higher Education Reform, and

Rohit Chopra, Center for American Progress, both of Washington, D.C.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the procurement, acquisition, testing, and oversight of the Navy's *Gerald R. Ford*-class aircraft carrier program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, "American Crude Oil Export Equality Act", 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 2031, to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine improper payments in Federal programs, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Scott Allen, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Ann Calvaresi Barr, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, Barbara Lee, of California, and Christopher H. Smith, of New Jersey, both to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and Carolyn Patricia Alsup, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, John L. Estrada, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, David R. Gilmour, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, Jeffrey J. Hawkins, Jr., of California, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic, Edwin Richard Nolan, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, David Malcolm Robinson, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations), and to be Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, Daniel H. Rubinstein, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, Lucy Tamlyn, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin,

Jennifer Ann Haverkamp, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, and Roberta S. Jacobson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States, all of the Department of State; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the civil nuclear agreement with the Republic of South Korea, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert Porter Jackson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana, Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, Julie Furuta-Toy, of Wyoming, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, and Dennis B. Hankins, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, all of the Department of State, and Linda I. Etim, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine achieving the promise of health information technology, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Administration's FY 2016 refugee resettlement program, including fiscal and security implications, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine the significant costs and related burdens for small businesses resulting from the Gold King Mine waste water spill near Silverton, Colorado, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

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

### House

*Committee on Armed Services* Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled "Improving Public Shipyards to More Effectively Meet Navy Operational Requirements", 8 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining Potential Ways to Improve the Medicare Program", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled "Transporting Nuclear Materials: Design, Logistics, and Shipment", 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Thursday, October 1

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Thursday, October 1

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2029, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. At 1:45 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1735—National Defense Authorization Act for FY2016 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 3457—Justice for Victims of Iranian Terrorism Act (Subject to a Rule). Possible consideration of measures under suspension of the rules.

## Extension of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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