

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8029–S8112

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2296–2304, and S. Res. 315–218. **Page S8079**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals From the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016”. (S. Rept. No. 114–167) **Page S8079**

Measures Passed:

National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 315, expressing support for the goals of both National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children. **Pages S8058–60**

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 93, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 13th Amendment. **Page S8111**

American Diabetes Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 282, supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S8111–12**

Authorize Deposition Testimony and Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 318, to authorize deposition testimony and representation in *Care One Management LLC, et al. v. United Healthcare Workers East, SEIU 1199, et al.* **Page S8112**

Measures Considered:

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Depart-

ments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, after withdrawing the committee reported amendment, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8034–58, S8060–75, H8075–76**

Adopted:

Collins (for McCain/Flake) Amendment No. 2809 (to Amendment No. 2812), to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to review certain decisions to grant categorical exclusions for Next Generation flight procedures and to consult with the airports at which such procedures will be implemented. **Page S8063**

Reed (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 2817 (to Amendment No. 2812), to provide that the Secretary of Transportation shall have sole authority to appoint Federal Directors to the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. **Page S8063**

Wicker/Feinstein Amendment No. 2815 (to Amendment No. 2812), to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to increase the minimum length limitation for a truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination from 28 to 33 feet if such change would not negatively impact public safety. **Page S8064**

Pending:

Collins/Reed Amendment No. 2812, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8055**

Collins/Reed Amendment No. 2813 (to Amendment No. 2812), to make a technical amendment. **Page S8055**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Collins/Reed Amendment No. 2812 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, November 20, 2015. **Page S8075**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, 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 Collins/Reed Amendment No. 2812. **Page S8075**

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, November 17, 2015, the motion to invoke cloture on the motion

to proceed to consideration of the bill, was withdrawn. **Page S8055**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11 a.m., on Thursday, November 19, 2015. **Page S8112**

House Messages:

Every Child Achieves Act: Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves, agreed to the request from the House for a conference, and authorized the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees. **Pages S8029–34**

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

By 91 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 308), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the McConnell motion to disagree to the amendment of the House, agree to the request from the House for a conference, and authorize the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees. **Page S8033**

The Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Alexander, Enzi, Burr, Isakson, Paul, Collins, Murkowski, Kirk, Scott, Hatch, Roberts, Cassidy, Murray, Mikulski, Sanders, Casey, Franken, Bennet, Whitehouse, Baldwin, Murphy, and Warren. **Page S8034**

Smith Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, November 30, 2015, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Gayle Smith, of Ohio, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development; that there be 30 minutes of debate equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Page S8058**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Page S8111**

Messages from the House: **Page S8078**

Measures Referred: **Page S8078**

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—308) **Page S8033**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8112.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

UNDERSEA CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower received a closed briefing on undersea critical infrastructure protection from J.D. Williams, National Intelligence Officer for Military Issues, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Brandon Wales, Director, Office of Cyber and Infrastructure Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; and Susan McLellan, Naval Undersea Research and Threat Analysis Center, Office of Naval Intelligence, Captain Wesley Guinn, USN, Chief, Joint Operations Division (EUCOM/NATO), Joint Staff, and Larry Huffman, Director, Center for Operations, Defense Information Systems Agency, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1143, to make the authority of States of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fishery permanent and for other purposes;

S. 1518, to make exclusive the authority of the Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in the United States and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce;

S. 1685, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to extend to private land use restrictions its rule relating to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications;

S. 1916, to include skilled nursing facilities as a type of health care provider under section 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934;

S. 2044, to prohibit the use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict the ability of a consumer

to communicate regarding the goods or services offered in interstate commerce that were the subject of the contract, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2206, to reduce the incidence of sexual harassment and assault at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to reauthorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and to reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years (Reappointment), Derek Tai-Ching Kan, of California, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years, and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the international climate negotiations, after receiving testimony from David Waskow, World Resources Institute, Lisa Jacobson, Business Council for Sustainable Energy, and Stephen D. Eule, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for 21st Century Energy, all of Washington, D.C.; Julian Ku, Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, New York; and Oren M. Cass, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, Lenox, Massachusetts.

AFTERMATH OF PARIS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on the aftermath of Paris, focusing on America's role from Victoria Nuland, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Anne Richard, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, and Lawrence R. Silverman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, all of the Department of State; Matthew D. Emrich, Acting Associate Director, Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate, and Barbara Strack, Chief, Refugee Affairs Division, both of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; and Spencer P. Boyer, National Intelligence Officer for Europe, National Intelligence Council, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

H.R. 2820, to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1719, to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy, with amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Victoria A. Lipnic, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2020 (Reappointment), and Michael Herman Michaud, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 817, to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon; and

S. 818, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

INDIAN EDUCATION LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 410, to strengthen Indian education, S. 1163, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide flexibility and reauthorization to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages, and S. 1928, to support the education of Indian children, after receiving testimony from Lillian Sparks Robinson, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Robert MoQuino, Pueblo of Acoma, Acoma, New Mexico; Glenabah Martinez, University of New Mexico College of Education, Albuquerque; and Michelle Accardi, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, Arlington, Virginia.

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine National Adoption Month, focusing on stories of success and meeting the challenges of international adoptions, after receiving testimony from Michele Thoren Bond, Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs; Rick Wilkerson, Northwest Iowa Bone, Joint and Sports Surgeons P.C., Spencer; Christine Hutchins, Cambridge, Vermont; Katie Horton, Alexandria, Virginia; and Nicole Craig, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

VETERANS HEALTH AND BENEFITS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2106, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and publish an action plan for improving the vocational rehabilitation services and assistance provided by the Department of

Veterans Affairs, S. 2134, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to certain former members of the Armed Forces for education and training as physician assistants of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to establish pay grades and require competitive pay for physician assistants of the Department, S. 2170, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine, S. 2253, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational

benefits, and S. 2291, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish procedures within the Department of Veterans Affairs for the processing of whistleblower complaints, after receiving testimony from Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Economic Opportunity, Veterans Benefits Administration; and Liz Hempowicz, Project on Government Oversight, William Hubbard, Student Veterans of America, Aleks Morosky, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Diane M. Zumatto, AMVETS, and Tom Porter, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 4055–4078; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 73; H. Con. Res. 94; and H. Res. 532–533, were introduced.

Pages H8359–60

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H8361–62

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 531, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4038) to require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–342).

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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 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Christopher Weidner, St. Luke Lutheran Church, Gilbertsville, Pennsylvania.

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Reforming CFPB Indirect Auto Financing Guidance Act: The House passed H.R. 1737, to nullify certain guidance of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection and to provide requirements for guidance issued by the Bureau with respect to indirect auto lending, by a yea-and-nay vote of 332 yeas to 96 nays, Roll No. 637.

Pages H8297–H8311, H8322

Agreed to:

Gosar amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–340) that ensures that the costs and impacts to any veteran-owned business are included in the study

required by this bill for any future auto financing guidance put forth by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau;

Pages H8309–10

Smith (MO) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–340) that requires that CFPB, before issuing guidance on indirect auto financing, should also conduct a study on the cost and impacts such guidance to rural consumers and businesses; and

Page H8310

Sewell (AL) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–340) that clarifies that nothing in this bill shall be construed to apply to guidance issued by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection that is not primarily related to indirect auto financing.

Pages H8310–11

H. Res. 526, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1737) and (H.R. 511) was agreed to yesterday, November 17th.

Portfolio Lending and Mortgage Access Act: The House passed H.R. 1210, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide a safe harbor from certain requirements related to qualified mortgages for residential mortgage loans held on an originating depository institution's portfolio, by a yea-and-nay vote of 255 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 636.

Pages H8311–22

Rejected the Thompson (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 184 yeas to 242 nays, Roll No. 635.

Pages H8319–21

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–34 shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 529, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1210) and (H.R. 3189) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 634, 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 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, November 19.

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Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of adopting a motion to recommit on H.R. 3189 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20.

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FORM Act of 2015: The House began consideration of H.R. 3189, to amend the Federal Reserve Act to establish requirements for policy rules and blackout periods of the Federal Open Market Committee, to establish requirements for certain activities of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and to amend title 31, United States Code, to reform the manner in which the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is audited. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, November 19th.

Pages H8323–42

Pursuant to the Rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–35, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–341, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read.

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Agreed to:

Heck (WA) amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 114–341) that requires FOMC to use fully revised data rather than the initial readings that are first available;

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Grayson amendment (No. 3 printed in part C of H. Rept. 114–341) that provides for an annual audit of the Federal Reserve; and

Pages H8339–40

King (IA) amendment (No. 6 printed in part C of H. Rept. 114–341), as modified, that requires the FOMC to make public the full transcriptions of their meetings and requires study of the effects of the GDP output section of the individual mandate on the US economy, Fed Actions, and federal debt.

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Rejected:

Heck (WA) amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 114–341) that sought to suspend the requirement for rules-based decisionmaking when un-

employment or inflation significantly diverges from targets; and

Pages H8337–38

Grayson amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 114–341) that sought to establish three new Federal Reserve districts: one for Northern California (located in San Francisco); one for Southern California (located in Los Angeles); and one for Florida (located in Orlando).

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H. Res. 529, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1210) and (H.R. 3189) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 634, after the previous question was ordered.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H8292.

Senate Referrals: S.J. Res. 23 and S.J. Res. 24 were held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8296–97, H8320–21, H8321–22, and H8322. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF SNAP: THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON HUNGER

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: The National Commission on Hunger”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OUTSIDE VIEWS ON THE STRATEGY FOR IRAQ AND SYRIA

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Outside Views on the Strategy for Iraq and Syria”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DOES BIENNIAL BUDGETING FIT IN A REWRITE OF THE BUDGET PROCESS?

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Does Biennial Budgeting Fit in a Rewrite of the Budget Process?”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ribble; and Price of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 1321, the “Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015”; H.R. 2017, the “Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2015”; H.R. 3014, the “Medical Controlled Substances Transportation Act”; H.R. 3716, the “Ensuring Terminated

Providers Are Removed from Medicaid and CHIP Act”; H.R. 3821, the “Medicaid Directory of Caregivers Act”; H.J. Res. 71, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”; H.J. Res. 72, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”; and S. 611, the “Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act”. The following legislation was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 2017, H.R. 3014, H.J. Res. 71, H.J. Res. 72, and S. 611. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1321, H.R. 3716, and H.R. 3821.

EXAMINING THE SEC’S AGENDA, OPERATIONS, AND FY 2017 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the SEC’s Agenda, Operations, and FY 2017 Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from Mary Jo White, Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission.

THE RISE OF RADICALISM: GROWING TERRORIST SANCTUARIES AND THE THREAT TO THE U.S. HOMELAND

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee; and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, held a joint hearing entitled “The Rise of Radicalism: Growing Terrorist Sanctuaries and the Threat to the U.S. Homeland”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2830, to make technical amendments to update statutory references to certain provisions classified to title 2, United States Code; H.R. 3713, the “Sentencing Reform Act of 2015”; H.R. 4002, the “Criminal Code Improvement Act of 2015”; H.R. 4003, the “Regulatory Reporting Act of 2015”; H.R. 4001, the “Fix the Footnotes Act of 2015”; and H.R. 4023, the “Clean Up the Code Act of 2015”. H.R. 3713 was ordered reported, as amended. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 4001, H.R. 4002, H.R. 4003, H.R. 4023, and H.R. 2830.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing on a discussion draft of the “Protecting America’s Recreation and Conservation Act”. Testimony was heard from Kristen Sarri, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy Management and Budget, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL STUDENT AID: PERFORMANCE-BASED ORGANIZATION REVIEW

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations; and Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, held a joint hearing entitled “Federal Student Aid: Performance-Based Organization Review”. Testimony was heard from James Runcie, Chief Operating Officer, Department of Education; Melissa Emrey-Arras, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Kathleen Tighe, Inspector General, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

THE INTERNET OF CARS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Assets; and Subcommittee on Information Technology, held a joint hearing entitled “The Internet of Cars”. Testimony was heard from Nat Beuse, Associate Administrator, Vehicle Safety Research, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

AMERICAN SAFE ACT OF 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4038, the “American SAFE ACT of 2015”. The committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a closed rule for H.R. 4038. 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 recommend. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte, Chairman McCaul, and Representatives Lofgren, Labrador, Babin, Thompson of Mississippi, Hill, Schweikert, and Austin Scott of Georgia.

THE ADMINISTRATION’S EMPTY PROMISES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE TREATY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Administration’s

Empty Promises for the International Climate Treaty”. Testimony was heard from Katie Dykes, Deputy Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and Chair, Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc.; and public witnesses.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NATIONAL ENERGY LABORATORIES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Recommendations of the Commission to Review the Effectiveness of the National Energy Laboratories”. Testimony was heard from TJ Glauthier, Co-Chair, Commission to Review the Effectiveness of the National Energy Laboratories; Jared Cohon, Co-Chair, Commission to Review the Effectiveness of the National Energy Laboratories; and a public witness.

CONTINUING CHALLENGES FOR SMALL CONTRACTORS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled “Continuing Challenges for Small Contractors”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHOICE CONSOLIDATION: ASSESSING VA’S PLAN TO IMPROVE CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Choice Consolidation: Assessing VA’s Plan to Improve Care in the Community”. Testimony was heard from Sloan Gibson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

EXAMINING VA’S ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Examining VA’s On-the-Job Training and Apprenticeship Program”. Testimony was heard from Andrew Sherrill, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Major General Robert M. Worley II, USAF (Ret.), Director, Education Service, Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Eric Seleznow, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; and a public witness.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider changes to the Committee’s rules. The Committee’s rules were successfully adopted, as amended.

Joint Meetings

ADVANCING THE AMERICAN DREAM

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine millennial voices on advancing the American dream, after receiving testimony from Representative Stefanik; Jared Meyer, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, New York, New York; and Jennifer Mishory, Young Invincibles, Washington, D.C.

DRIVE ACT CONFERENCE

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 22, an act to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, but did not complete action thereon.

EVERY CHILD ACHIEVES ACT CONFERENCE

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, November 19, 2015.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alissa M. Starzak, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, Franklin R. Parker, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, John Conger, of Maryland, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary, and Stephen P. Welby, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider 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. 556, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, S. 782, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park, S. 1583, to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project, S. 1592, to clarify the description of certain Federal land under the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005 to include additional land in the Kaibab National Forest, 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, S. 1941 and H.R. 2223, bills

to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado, S. 1942 and H.R. 1554, bills to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado, S. 2046, to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska, S. 2069, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify provisions relating to certain land exchanges in the Mt. Hood Wilderness in the State of Oregon, S. 2083, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project, H.R. 373, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, H.R. 1324, to adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, and the nominations of Suzette M. Kimball, of West Virginia, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, and Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of Illinois, to be Under Secretary, John Francis Kotek, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary (Nuclear Energy), and Cherry Ann Murray, of Kansas, to be Director of the Office of Science, all of Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine democratic transitions in southeast Asia, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine human trafficking, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the impact of ISIS on the homeland and refugee resettlement, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, and S. 1318, to amend title 18, United States Code, to pro-

vide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled "Advancing the Science and Acceptance of Autonomy for Future Defense Systems", 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "U.S. Public Health Preparedness for Seasonal Influenza: Has the Response Improved?", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

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