

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### Routine Proceedings, pages S3063–S3128

**Measures Introduced:** One bill and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2977, S. Res. 472–473, and S. Con. Res. 40. **Page S3101**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2812, to amend the Small Business Act to reauthorize and improve the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2831, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide priority for applicants for a license to operate as a small business investment company that are located in a disaster area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2838, to improve the HUBZone program, with amendments.

S. 2846, to amend the Small Business Act to expand intellectual property education and training for small businesses.

S. 2847, to require greater transparency for Federal regulatory decisions that impact small businesses.

S. 2850, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, with amendments. **Page S3100**

#### Measures Passed:

**Department of Labor Fiduciary Rule:** By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 84), Senate passed H. J.Res. 88, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to the definition of the term “Fiduciary”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Pages S3065–75, S3075–84**

**American Craft Beer Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 473, expressing appreciation of the goals of American Craft Beer Week and commending the small and independent craft brewers of the United States. **Page S3128**

#### Measures Considered:

**Secretary of Agriculture Fish Inspection Rule—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of S. J.Res.

28, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Secretary of Agriculture relating to inspection of fish of the order Siluriformes. **Pages S3084–91**

By 57 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 85), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S3084**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, with the time equally divided between opponents and proponents until 11 a.m., with Senator Shaheen controlling ten minutes of the proponent time; and that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII and the CRA, all time on the joint resolution be deemed expired at 11 a.m. **Page S3128**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—85) **Page S3084**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2016. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3128.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Fiscal Year 2017 Department of Defense Appropriations".

### APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2017".

### IRAN DEAL SANCTIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine understanding the role of sanctions under the Iran Deal, after receiving testimony from Juan C. Zarate, Financial Integrity Network, Mark Dubowitz, Foundation for Defense of Democracies Center on Sanctions and Illicit Finance, Michael Elleman, The International Institute for Strategic Studies, and Elizabeth Rosenberg, Center for a New American Security, all of Washington, D.C.

### INTERNET ASSIGNED NUMBERS AUTHORITY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the multistakeholder plan for transitioning the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority, after receiving testimony from David A. Gross, former Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, Department of State, Michael Beckerman, Internet Association, Steve DelBianco, NetChoice, and Brett D. Schaefer, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; Richard Manning, Americans for Limited Government, Fairfax, Virginia; and Andrew Sullivan, Internet Architecture Board, Manchester, New Hampshire.

### WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of the definition of Waters of the United States, after receiving testimony from Don Parrish, American Farm Bureau Federation, and William W. Buzbee, Georgetown University Law Center, both of Washington, D.C.; Damien Schiff, Pacific Legal Foundation, Sacramento, California; Valerie Wilkinson, The ESG Companies, Virginia Beach, Virginia; and Scott

Kovarovics, Izaak Walton League of America, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

### DEBT VERSUS EQUITY

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine debt versus equity, focusing on corporate integration considerations, after receiving testimony from John L. Buckley, former Chief Tax Counsel, House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means, Washington, D.C.; Jody K. Lurie, Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; John D. McDonald, Baker and McKenzie LLP, Chicago, Illinois; and Alvin C. Warren, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

### U.S.-INDIA RELATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States-India relations, focusing on balancing progress and managing expectations, after receiving testimony from Nisha Desai Biswal, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs; and Sadanand Dhume, American Enterprise Institute, and Alyssa Ayres, Council on Foreign Relations, both of Washington, D.C.

### VETERANS AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2919, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide greater flexibility to States in carrying out the Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program and employing local veterans' employment representatives, S. 2896, to eliminate the sunset date for the Veterans Choice Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand eligibility for such program, and to extend certain operating hours for pharmacies and medical facilities of the Department, S. 2888, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's review and publication of illness and conditions relating to veterans stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and their family members, S. 2679, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs a center of excellence in the prevention, diagnosis, mitigation, treatment, and rehabilitation of health conditions relating to exposure to burn pits, S. 2520, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to newborn children, S. 2487, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to identify mental health care and suicide prevention programs and metrics that are effective in treating women veterans as part of the evaluation of such programs by

the Secretary, S. 2049, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a continuing medical education program for non-Department medical professionals who treat veterans and family members of veterans to increase knowledge and recognition of medical conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans, an original bill to reform the rights and processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, an original bill to make certain improvements in the provision of automobiles and adaptive equipment by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and an original bill to expand eligibility for hospital care and medical services under section 101 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to include veterans in receipt of health services under the pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs for

rural veterans, after receiving testimony from Senators McCain, Boxer, and Klobuchar; Sloan Gibson, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Michael H. Michaud, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training Service; Carlos Fuentes, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Louis J. Celli, Jr., The American Legion, Adrian M. Atizado, Disabled American Veterans, Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Diane Boyd Rauber, National Organization of Veterans' Advocates, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.; and Master Sergeant J. M. Ensminger, (Ret.), USMC, Elizabethtown, North Carolina.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017".

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 5311–5319; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 133; and H. Res. 745–747, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

Pages H3094–95

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

H.R. 1769, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–592, Part 1); and

H. Res. 744, providing for consideration of the bill (S. 2012) to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5233) to repeal the Local Budget Autonomy Amendment Act of 2012, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to clarify the respective roles of the District government and Congress in the local budget process of the District government, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from May 27, 2016, through June 6, 2016 (H. Rept. 114–593).

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, May 23rd:

*Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017:* H.R. 5077, amended, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 371 yeas to 35 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 235.

Pages H2988–89

**Unanimous Consent Agreement:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2576 with an amendment may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20.

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**Toxic Substances Control Act Modernization Act:** The House agreed to the motion to concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–54, modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 114–590, in lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate, to H.R. 2576, to modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 403 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 238.

Pages H2989–H3031, H3046–47

H. Res. 742, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2576) and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R.

897) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 234, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 233. **Pages H2975–81, H2987–88**

**Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act:** The House passed H.R. 897, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, by a recorded vote of 258 ayes to 156 noes, Roll No. 237.

**Pages H3031–46**

Rejected the Ruiz motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 182 yeas to 232 nays, Roll No. 236.

**Pages H3044–46**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–53 shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 742, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2576) and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 897) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 234, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 233. **Pages H2975–81 H2987–88**

**Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017:** The House began consideration of H.R. 5055, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 25th.

**Pages H3047–57, H3057–92**

Agreed to:

Gosar amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Army Corps of Engineers, Investigations, by \$1,000,000;

**Pages H3056–57**

Rodney Davis (IL) amendment that redirects \$10,000,000 in funding within the Army Corps of Engineers, Investigations;

**Pages H3057–58**

Rice (SC) amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Army Corps of Engineers, Construction, by \$2,241,850;

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Graham amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Army Corps of Engineers, Operation and Maintenance, by \$3,000,000;

**Pages H3059–60**

McNerney amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program, by \$2,000,000;

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Bonamici amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program, by \$9,000,000;

**Page H3073**

Schiff amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Nuclear Waste Disposal, Department of Energy by \$19,111,000;

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Langevin amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Weapons Activities, National Nuclear Security Administration, by \$5,000,000;

**Page H3082**

Polis amendment that reduces funding for Federal salaries and expenses by \$1 million and increases funding for other Defense activities by \$500,000;

**Pages H3084–85**

Keating amendment that redirects \$1,000,000 in funding within the Nuclear Regulatory Commission salaries and expenses;

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Brownley (CA) amendment that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014; and

**Pages H3089–90**

Burgess amendment that prohibits the enforcement for the use of funds for certain type of light bulbs.

**Pages H3090–91**

Rejected:

Beyer amendment that sought to strike section 108, which prohibits the use of funds by the Corps of Engineers to develop, adopt, implement, administer, or enforce any change to the regulations in effect on October 1, 2012, pertaining to the definitions of the terms “fill material” or “discharge of fill material” for the purposes of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the earlier request for a recorded vote);

**Pages H3061–62, H3072**

Beyer amendment that sought to strike section 110, which prohibits the use of funds by the Corps of Engineers to develop, adopt, implement, administer, or enforce any change to the regulations and guidance in effect on October 1, 2012, pertaining to the definition of waters under the jurisdiction of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; and

**Pages H3062–63**

Garamendi amendment that sought to strike funds for project 99–D–143, mixed oxide fuel fabrication facility.

**Pages H3082–84**

Withdrawn:

DeSaulnier amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have struck section 111, regarding the possession of firearms at water resources development projects;

**Page H3063**

Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$25,000,000 in funding within the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program;

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Perry amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for Energy Programs, Department of Energy, by \$15,000,000;

**Page H3073**

Polis amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have zeroed out the Fossil Energy Research and Development fund and applied the \$645,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account; **Page H3075**

Katko amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have reduced funding for the Energy Information Administration by \$1,500,000 and increased funding for Northern Border Regional Commission by \$2,500,000; and **Pages H3077–78**

Langevin amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for Federal Salaries and Expenses, National Nuclear Security Administration, by \$5,000,000. **Pages H3081–82**

Point of Order sustained against:

Polis amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy fund, by \$285,000,000. **Pages H3075–77**

### Proceedings Postponed:

Clawson (FL) amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Army Corps of Engineers, Construction, by \$50,000,000; **Pages H3058–59**

McNerney amendment that seeks to strike General Provisions, Department of the Interior, related to California state water projects; **Pages H3065–67**

Griffith amendment that seeks to reduce the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program by \$50,000,000, and increase the Fossil Energy Research and Development Program by \$45,000,000; **Pages H3069–71**

Buck amendment that seeks to zero out the accounts for Plant or Facility Acquisition, Construction, or Expansion of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Programs and apply the \$3,481,616,000 in savings to the Spending Reduction Account; **Pages H3071–72**

Polis amendment that seeks to increase funds for Energy efficiency and renewable energy by \$9,750,000 and decrease funds for fossil energy research and development by \$13,000,000; **Pages H3073–74**

Polis amendment that seeks to zero out the Fossil Energy Research and Development fund and apply the \$285,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H3074–75**

Weber (TX) amendment that seeks to zero out the Innovative Technology Guarantee program and apply the \$7,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H3078–79**

Welch amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for the Northern Border Regional Commission, by \$2,500,000; **Page H3079**

Ellison amendment that seeks to redirect \$1,000,000 in funding within Departmental Administration, Department of Energy; **Pages H3080–81**

Farr amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of May 23, 2016) that seeks to strike section 506 pertaining to the further implementation of the coastal and marine spatial planning and ecosystem-based management components of the National Ocean Policy; and **Pages H3088–89**

Garamendi amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to expand plutonium pit production capacity at the PF-4 facility at Los Alamos National Laboratory. **Pages H3091–92**

H. Res. 743, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5055) was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 237 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 232, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 233 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 231. **Pages H2981–87**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H2981, H3057.

**Senate Referral:** S. 2613 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H3092**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yeas-and-nays votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2985–86, H2986–87, H2987, H2987–88, H2988–89, H3045–46, H3046, and H3046–47. There were no quorum calls.

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

## Committee Meetings

### FOCUS ON THE FARM ECONOMY: A VIEW FROM THE BARNYARD

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing entitled “Focus on the Farm Economy: A View from the Barnyard”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held a markup on the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2017; Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2017; and Report on the Revised Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2017. The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2017 and the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related

Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2017 were ordered reported, as amended. The Report on the Revised Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2017 passed.

#### **DEMANDING ACCOUNTABILITY AT THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training held a hearing entitled “Demanding Accountability at the Corporation for National and Community Service”. Testimony was heard from Wendy Spencer, Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service; and Deborah Jeffrey, Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing on 17 FTC Bills”. Testimony was heard from Edith Ramirez, Chairwoman, Federal Trade Commission; and public witnesses.

#### **MEDICARE AND MEDICAID PROGRAM INTEGRITY: COMBATTING IMPROPER PAYMENTS AND INELIGIBLE PROVIDERS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Program Integrity: Combatting Improper Payments and Ineligible Providers”. Testimony was heard from Shantanu Agrawal, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Seto J. Bagdoyan, Director, Audit Services, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; and Ann Maxwell, Assistant Inspector General, Office of Evaluation and Inspections, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### **STOPPING TERROR FINANCE: A COORDINATED GOVERNMENT EFFORT**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing held a hearing entitled “Stopping Terror Finance: A Coordinated Government Effort”. Testimony was heard from Jennifer Shasky Calvery, Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury; and Larry McDonald, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Technical Assistance, Department of the Treasury.

#### **THE U.S.-SAUDI ARABIA COUNTERTERRORISM RELATIONSHIP**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “The U.S.-Saudi Arabia Counterterrorism Relationship”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **ENHANCING PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE CAPABILITIES TO ADDRESS CYBER THREATS**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications; and Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, held a joint hearing entitled “Enhancing Preparedness and Response Capabilities to Address Cyber Threats”. Testimony was heard from Mark Ghilarducci, Director, Emergency Services, Office of the Governor of California; Lieutenant Colonel Daniel J. Cooney, Assistant Deputy Superintendent, Office of Counter Terrorism, New York State Police; Robert Galvin, Chief Technology Officer, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; and public witnesses.

#### **BORDER SECURITY GADGETS, GIZMOS, AND INFORMATION: USING TECHNOLOGY TO INCREASE SITUATIONAL AWARENESS AND OPERATIONAL CONTROL**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Border Security Gadgets, Gizmos, and Information: Using Technology to Increase Situational Awareness and Operational Control”. Testimony was heard from Ronald Vitiello, Acting Chief, U.S. Border Patrol, Department of Homeland Security; Major General Randolph D. “Tex” Alles (Retired, USMC), Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Air and Marine Operations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Mark Borkowski, Assistant Commissioner and Chief Acquisition Executive, Office of Technology Innovation and Acquisition, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and Rebecca Gambler, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

#### **EXAMINING THE ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT AGAINST IRS COMMISSIONER JOHN KOSKINEN, PART I**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Allegations of Misconduct Against IRS Commissioner John Koskinen, Part I”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Chaffetz and Representative DeSantis.

## THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON AUTOPILOT: DELEGATION OF REGULATORY AUTHORITY TO AN UNACCOUNTABLE BUREAUCRACY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Task Force on Executive Overreach held a hearing entitled “The Federal Government on Autopilot: Delegation of Regulatory Authority to an Unaccountable Bureaucracy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 3480, the “Fort Frederica National Monument Boundary Expansion Act of 2015”; H.R. 4202, the “Fort Ontario Study Act”; H.R. 4789, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a structure for visitor services on the Arlington Ridge tract, in the area of the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5244, to provide for the establishment of a national memorial and national monument to commemorate those killed by the collapse of the Saint Francis Dam on March 12, 1928, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Carter of Georgia; Katko; Beyer; and Knight; Bill Shaddox, Acting Associate Director for Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands, National Park Service; Brian Ferebee, Associate Deputy Chief, U.S. Forest Service; and a public witness.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 4366, the “San Luis Unit Drainage Resolution Act”; H.R. 5217, the “San Luis Unit Drainage Resolution Act”; and a discussion draft of the “Blackfeet Water Rights Settlement Act of 2016”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Valadao; Costa; and Zinke; John Bezdek, Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

## INVESTIGATING THE CULTURE OF CORRUPTION AT THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Investigating the Culture of Corruption at the Department of the Interior”. Testimony was heard from Edward Keable, Deputy Solicitor for General Law, Office of the Solicitor, Department of the Interior; and Mary Kendall, Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 5278, the “Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act”.

## GUANTANAMO BAY: THE REMAINING DETAINEES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Guantanamo Bay: The Remaining Detainees”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## EXAMINING THE FUTURE OF RECREATION.GOV

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on the Interior held a hearing entitled “Examining the Future of Recreation.gov”. Testimony was heard from Joe Mead, Director of Recreation and Heritage Areas, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Rick DeLappe, Recreation.gov Program Manager, National Park Service, Department of Interior.

## ENERGY POLICY MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2016; CLARIFYING CONGRESSIONAL INTENT IN PROVIDING FOR DC HOME RULE ACT OF 2016

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on S. 2012, the “Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2016”; and H.R. 5233, the “Clarifying Congressional Intent in Providing for DC Home Rule Act of 2016”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule for S. 2012. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chairs and ranking minority members of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–55 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 commit with or without instructions. The rule provides that if S. 2012, as amended, is passed, then it shall be in order for the chair of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or his designee to move that the House insist on its amendment to S. 2012 and request a conference with the Senate thereon. Additionally, the rule grants a closed rule for H.R. 5233. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives

all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. In section 4, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from May 27, 2016, through June 6, 2016: 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 5, 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 4. Lastly, the Committee adopted, by voice vote, a resolution expressing the gratitude of the Committee on Rules to Mr. Miles M. Lackey, the Committee's Democratic staff director, for his service to the Committee, the House, and the Nation on the occasion of his retirement from the House of Representatives. Testimony was heard from Representatives Meadows and Norton.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a markup on the "Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Modernization Act of 2016". The "Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Modernization Act of 2016" was ordered reported, as amended.

#### THE SHARING ECONOMY: A TAXING EXPERIENCE FOR NEW ENTREPRENEURS, PART I

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Sharing Economy: A Taxing Experience for New Entrepreneurs, Part I". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### IMPROVING THE SAFETY AND RELIABILITY OF THE WASHINGTON METRO

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled "Improving the Safety and Reliability of the Washington Metro". Testimony was heard from Representatives Hoyer; Delaney; and Connolly; Carolyn Flowers, Acting Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; and public witnesses.

#### MOVING AMERICA'S FAMILIES FORWARD: SETTING PRIORITIES FOR REDUCING POVERTY AND EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Moving America's Families Forward: Setting Priorities for Reducing Poverty and

Expanding Opportunity". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5273, the "Helping Hospitals Improve Patient Care Act of 2016"; H.R. 2952, the "Improving Employment Outcomes of TANF Recipients Act"; H.R. 5169, the "What Works to Move Welfare Recipients into Jobs Act"; and a vote to release the transcript of the deposition taken by the Committee on Ways and Means on May 11, 2016. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 5273, H.R. 2952, and H.R. 5169.

#### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

#### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D546)

H.R. 4238, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act and the Local Public Works Capital Development and Investment Act of 1976 to modernize terms relating to minorities. Signed on May 20, 2016. (Public Law 114–157)

H.R. 4336, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inurnment in Arlington National Cemetery of the cremated remains of certain persons whose service has been determined to be active service. Signed on May 20, 2016. (Public Law 114–158)

H.R. 4923, to establish a process for the submission and consideration of petitions for temporary duty suspensions and reductions. Signed on May 20, 2016. (Public Law 114–159)

H.R. 4957, to designate the Federal building located at 99 New York Avenue, N.E., in the District of Columbia as the "Ariel Rios Federal Building". Signed on May 20, 2016. (Public Law 114–160)

S. 1492, to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska. Signed on May 20, 2016. (Public Law 114–161)

S. 1523, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program. Signed on May 20, 2016. (Public Law 114–162)

S. 2143, to provide for the authority for the successors and assigns of the Starr-Camargo Bridge Company to maintain and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Rio Grande City, Texas. Signed on May 20, 2016. (Public Law 114–163)



**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,  
MAY 25, 2016**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine understanding the role of sanctions under the Iran Deal, focusing on Administration perspectives, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine improvements in hurricane forecasting and the path forward, 2 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine international cybersecurity strategy, focusing on deterring foreign threats and building global cyber norms, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on trafficking in persons, focusing on preparing the 2016 annual report, 4:30 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 2834, to improve the Governmentwide management of unnecessarily duplicative Government programs and for other purposes, S. 1378, to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government, S. 2849, to ensure the Government Accountability Office has adequate access to information, S. 2480, to amend title 5, United States Code, to protect unpaid interns in the Federal Government from workplace harassment and discrimination, S. 461, to provide for alternative financing arrangements for the provision of certain services and the construction and maintenance of infrastructure at land border ports of entry, S. 2852, to expand the Government's use and administration of data to facilitate transparency, effective governance, and innovation, H.R. 4902, to amend title 5, United States Code, to expand law enforcement availability pay to employees of U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Air and Marine Operations, S. 2465, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 Rochester Street in Bergen, New York, as the Barry G. Miller Post Office, S. 2891, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 525 North Broadway in Aurora, Illinois, as the "Kenneth M. Christy Post Office Building", H.R. 136, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1103 USPS Building 1103 in Camp Pendleton, California, as the "Camp Pendleton Medal of Honor Post Office", H.R. 1132, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1048 West Robinhood Drive in Stockton, California, as the "W. Ronald Coale Memorial Post Office Building", H.R. 2458, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5351 Lapalco Boulevard in Marrero, Louisiana, as the "Lionel R. Collins, Sr. Post Office Building", H.R. 2928, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 B Street in Perryville, Arkansas, as the "Harold George Bennett Post Office", H.R. 3082, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service lo-

cated at 5919 Chef Menteur Highway in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Daryle Holloway Post Office Building", H.R. 3274, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4567 Rockbridge Road in Pine Lake, Georgia, as the "Francis Manuel Ortega Post Office", H.R. 3601, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 Post Road, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, as the "Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building", H.R. 3735, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Town Run Lane in Winston Salem, North Carolina, as the "Maya Angelou Memorial Post Office", H.R. 3866, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1265 Hurffville Road in Deptford Township, New Jersey, as the "First Lieutenant Salvatore S. Corma II Post Office Building", H.R. 4046, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 East Oak Street, Glenwood City, Wisconsin, as the Second Lt. Ellen Ainsworth Memorial Post Office, H.R. 4605, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 615 6th Avenue SE in Cedar Rapids, Iowa as the "Sgt. 1st Class Terryl L. Pasker Post Office Building", an original bill entitled, "DHS Accountability Act of 2016", an original bill entitled, "Biodefense Strategy Act of 2016", an original bill entitled, "Disaster Management Act of 2016", an original bill entitled, "Office of Special Counsel Reauthorization Act of 2016", an original bill entitled, "GAO Mandates Revision Act of 2016", an original bill entitled, "District of Columbia Judicial Financial Transparency and Courts Improvement Act", an original bill entitled, "National Urban Search and Rescue Response System Act of 2016", an original bill entitled, "Grant Reform and New Transparency Act of 2016", and an original bill entitled, "Federal Information Systems Safeguards Act of 2016", 10 a.m., SD-342.

**House**

*Committee on Agriculture,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Food Waste from Field to Table", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, markup on Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, 9:30 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, markup on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, 11 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Reclaiming Congressional Authority Through the Power of the Purse", 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Promoting Safe Workplaces Through Effective and Responsible Recordkeeping Standards", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining Cybersecurity Responsibilities at HHS", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Iran Nuclear Deal Oversight: Implementation and Its Consequences, Part II", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “Tunisia’s Struggle for Stability, Security, and Democracy”, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Long Lines, Short Patience: The TSA Airport Screening Experience”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5203, the “Visa Integrity and Security Act of 2016”; H.R. 3636, the “O-VISA Act”; and H.R. 5283, the “Due Process Act”, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5278, the “Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act” (continued), 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Exploring 21st Century Mining Safety, Environmental Control, and Technological Innovation”, 2:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Federal Agencies’ Reliance on Outdated and Unsupported Information Technology: A Ticking Time Bomb”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5312, the “Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Mod-

ernization Act of 2016”; and hearing entitled “Science of Zika: The DNA of an Epidemic”, 10:15 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5303, the “Water Resources Development Act of 2016”; H. Con. Res. 131, authorizing the use of Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; and possible other matters cleared for consideration, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on protecting small businesses from IRS abuse, 9:30 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tax Policy, hearing entitled “Perspectives on the Need for Tax Reform”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: to hold hearings to examine combating corruption in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2 p.m., SVC-212.

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine the transformative impact of robots and automation, 2 p.m., SD-106.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Wednesday, May 25

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, May 25

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of S.J. Res. 28, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Secretary of Agriculture relating to inspection of fish of the order Siluriformes, with a vote on adoption thereon, at approximately 11 a.m.

Upon disposition of S.J. Res. 28, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2943, National Defense Authorization Act.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Continue Consideration of H.R. 5055—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017. Consideration of H.R. 5233—Clarifying Congressional Intent in Providing for DC Home Rule Act of 2016 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of the House Amendment to S. 2012—Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2016 (Subject to a Rule).

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