

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2203–S2292

Measures Introduced: Six bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2218–2223, and S. Res. 417–419. **Page S2239**

Measures Reported:

S. 1237, to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–146)

H.R. 697, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site. (S. Rept. No. 113–147)

S. 1294, to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee. **Pages S2238–39**

Measures Passed:

Freedom of Press and Expression in People's Republic of China: Senate agreed to S. Res. 361, recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression in the People's Republic of China and urging the Government of the People's Republic of China to take meaningful steps to improve freedom of expression as fitting of a responsible international stakeholder, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2286–87**

Reid (for Cardin) Amendment No. 2969, to make a technical correction. **Pages S2286–87**

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 90, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. **Page S2287**

Measures Considered:

Paycheck Fairness Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration to S. 2199, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex. **Pages S2203–04, S2210–30**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, with the time until 11 a.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2287**

Appointments:

Congressional Advisers on Trade Policy and Negotiations: The Chair, in accordance with Public Law 93–618, as amended by Public Law 100–418, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, appointed the following Members of the Finance Committee as congressional advisers on trade policy and negotiations to International conferences, meetings and negotiation sessions relating to trade agreements: Senators Wyden, Rockefeller, Schumer, Hatch, and Grassley. **Page S2287**

Friedland Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Michelle T. Friedland, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Page S2230**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, April 10, 2014. **Page S2230**

Weil Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor. **Page S2230**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 the nomination of Michelle T. Friedland, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Page S2230**

Felton Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader,

in consultation with the Republican Leader, this week, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Wanda Felton, of New York, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; that there be one hour for debate, with 15 minutes under the control of the Democratic Leader, or his designee, and 45 minutes under the control of the Republican Leader, or his designee; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S2230**

McSweeney Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Terrell McSweeney, of the District of Columbia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner; that there be two minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; that no further motions be in order. **Page S2230**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 71 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. EX. 102), Neil Gregory Kornze, of Nevada, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management. **Pages S2223, S2292**

Frank G. Klotz, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security. **Pages S2223, S2292**

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general. **Pages S2286, S2292**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—102) **Page S2223**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:49 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2014. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2287.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1294, to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee; and

The nominations of Timothy G. Massad, of Connecticut, to be Chairman, Sharon Y. Bowen, of New York, and J. Christopher Giancarlo, of New Jersey, all to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ADVANCED BIOFUELS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine advanced biofuels, focusing on creating jobs and lower prices at the pump, after receiving testimony from Richard Childress, Richard Childress Racing, Welcome, North Carolina; Jan Koninckx, DuPont Industrial Biosciences, Wilmington, Delaware; Brooke Coleman, Advanced Ethanol Council, Boston, Massachusetts; Sumesh M. Arora, Innovate Mississippi, Ridgeland; and Nancy N. Young, Airlines for America, Washington, DC.

APPROPRIATIONS: UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the United States Agency for International Development, after receiving testimony from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

APPROPRIATIONS: ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL, THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, AND THE OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Architect of the Capitol, the Library of Congress, and the Open World Leadership Center, after receiving testimony from Stephen T. Ayers, Architect of

the Capitol; and James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress, and John M. O’Keefe, Executive Director, Open World Leadership Center, both of the Library of Congress.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Army Active and Reserve force mix in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Raymond T. Odierno, USA, Chief of Staff of the Army, General Frank J. Grass, ARNG, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, and Lieutenant General Jeffrey W. Talley, USAR, Chief of the Army Reserve and Commanding General of the United States Army Reserve Command, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Brian P. McKeon, of New York, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, and 131 nominations in the Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine the role of the Department of Defense science and technology enterprise for innovation and affordability in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Alan R. Shaffer, Acting Assistant Secretary for Research and Engineering, Arati Prabhakar, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Mary J. Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology, Mary E. Lacey, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, and Kevin Gooder, Chief, Program Integration Division, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary (Science, Technology, and Engineering), all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine tactical aircraft programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Christopher C. Bogdan, USAF, Program Executive Officer, F-35 Lightning II Joint Program Office, Lieutenant General Charles R.

Davis, USAF, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Vice Admiral Paul A. Grosklags, USN, Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, and Lieutenant General Robert E. Schmidle, Jr., USMC, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, all of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Department of Housing and Urban Development, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warren, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

TAX CODE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine supporting broad-based economic growth and fiscal responsibility through a fairer tax code, after receiving testimony from Jane G. Gravelle, Senior Specialist in Economic Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and John L. Buckley, former Chief Tax Counsel, House Committee on Ways and Means, and Diana Furchtgott-Roth, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, both of Washington, DC.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Vice Admiral Paul F. Zukunft, to be Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, who was introduced by Senator Landrieu, and Elliot F. Kaye, of New York, to be Chairman, who was introduced by Representative Tierney, and Joseph P. Mohorovic, of Illinois, who was introduced by Senator Udall (NM), both to be a Commissioner, both of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Janet Garvin McCabe, of the District of Columbia, and Ann Elizabeth Dunkin, of California, both to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Manuel H. Ehrlich, Jr., of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PROTECTING TAXPAYERS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting taxpayers from incompetent and unethical return preparers, after receiving testimony from John A. Koskinen, Commissioner, and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, both of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; James R. McTigue, Jr., Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; William C. Cobb, H&R Block, Kansas City, Missouri; Janis Salisbury, Oregon Board of Tax Practitioners, Oregon City; John A. Barrick, Jr., Brigham Young University Marriott School of Management, Provo, Utah; Chi Chi Wu, National Consumer Law Center,

Boston, Massachusetts; and Dan Alban, Institute for Justice, Arlington, Virginia.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed international affairs budget request for fiscal year 2015 for national security and foreign policy priorities, after receiving testimony from John F. Kerry, Secretary of State.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 4419–4430; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 546–549 were introduced. **Pages H3056–58**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H3058**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Woodall to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2993**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2999**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 546, electing certain Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H3001**

Baseline Reform Act: The House passed H.R. 1871, to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to reform the budget baseline, by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 168. **Pages H3014–21**

Rejected the Bustos motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 191 yeas to 221 nays, Roll No. 167. **Pages H3019–21**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment recommended by the Committee on the Budget now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Pages H3014–15**

H. Res. 539, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1874), (H.R. 1871), and (H.R. 1872), was agreed to on Friday, April 4th.

Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024: The House began consideration of H. Con. Res. 96, to establish the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024. Consideration of the concurrent resolution is expected to resume tomorrow, April 9th. **Pages H3001–14, H3021–39**

H. Res. 544, the rule providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 170, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 169. **Pages H3022–23**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H3001.

Senate Referral: S. 2195 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H3054**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3020–21, H3021, H3022, and H3022–23. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native public and outside witnesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—NASA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on NASA Request and Oversight of NASA Security. Testimony was heard from Charles F. Bolden Jr., Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FIELD AGENCIES FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Agriculture Field Agencies FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Michael Scuse, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services; Juan Garcia, Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Phil Karsting, Administrator, Foreign Agriculture Service; Brandon Willis, Administrator, Risk Management Agency; Jason Weller, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Michael Young, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES AFRICA COMMAND FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on United States Africa Command FY 2015 Budget. This was a closed hearing.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Energy, Environmental Management FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Dave Huizenga, Acting Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Education

FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Arne Duncan, Secretary, Department of Education.

APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on United States Agency for International Development FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES SPECIAL FORCES COMMAND FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on United States Special Forces Command FY 2015 Budget. This was a closed hearing.

APPROPRIATIONS—GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on General Services Administration FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Dan Tangherlini, Administrator, General Services Administration.

RUSSIAN MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS AND STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Russian Military Developments and Strategic Implications”. Testimony was heard from Derek Chollet, Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; Vice Admiral Frank Pandolfe, USN, Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff, Department of Defense.

THE FY15 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY AND THE CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM: COMBATING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION IN A CHANGING GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “The FY15 Budget Request for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and the Chemical Biological Defense Program: Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction in a Changing Global Environment”. Testimony was heard from Rebecca K. C. Hersman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction, Department of Defense; Kenneth Myers, Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency; Carmen Spencer, Joint

Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense, Department of Defense; and Andy Weber, Assistant Secretary for Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs, Department of Defense.

RUSSIAN MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS AND STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “Russian Military Developments and Strategic Implications”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Terry Joseph Benedict, U.S. Navy, Director, Strategic Systems Programs; M. Elaine Bunn, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy, Department of Defense; Major General Garrett Harencak, U.S. Air Force, Assistant Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, U.S. Air Force; Edward Bruce Held, Acting Administrator and Acting Undersecretary for Nuclear Security, National Nuclear Security Administration; David G. Huizenga, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Environmental Management; Admiral John M. Richardson, U.S. Navy, Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program; Andrew C. Weber, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs, Department of Defense; and Peter S. Winokur, Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4366, the “Strengthening Education through Research Act”; and H.R. 10, the “Success and Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Act”. The bills, H.R. 4366 and H.R. 10, were ordered reported, as amended.

TROLLING FOR A SOLUTION: ENDING ABUSIVE PATENT DEMAND LETTERS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Trolling for a Solution: Ending Abusive Patent Demand Letters”. Testimony was heard from William Sorrell, Attorney General, State of Vermont; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TOBACCO CONTROL ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining the Implementation of the Tobacco Control Act”. Testimony was heard from Marcia Crosse, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power began a markup on H.R. 6, the “Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act”.

WHO’S IN YOUR WALLET: EXAMINING HOW WASHINGTON RED TAPE IMPAIRS ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Who’s in Your Wallet: Examining How Washington Red Tape Impairs Economic Freedom”. Testimony was heard from Meredith Fuchs, General Counsel, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Richard J. Osterman, Jr., Acting General Counsel, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Scott G. Alvarez, General Counsel, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Amy S. Friend, Senior Deputy Comptroller and Chief Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; and a public witness.

LEBANON’S SECURITY CHALLENGES AND U.S. INTERESTS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Lebanon’s Security Challenges and U.S. Interests”. Testimony was heard from Lawrence Silverman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and Matthew Spence, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Middle East Policy, Department of Defense.

IS AL-QAEDA WINNING? GRADING THE ADMINISTRATION’S COUNTERTERRORISM POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Is al-Qaeda Winning? Grading the Administration’s Counterterrorism Policy”. Testimony was heard from Joseph Lieberman, former United States Senator; and Jane Harman, former Member of Congress; and public witnesses.

AUTHORIZING CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION AND IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Authorizing Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement”. Testimony was heard from Kevin K. McAleenan, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and Daniel D. Ragsdale, Acting Director, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

OVERSIGHT OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Department of Justice”. Testimony was heard from Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, Department of Justice.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 4315, the “21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act”; H.R. 4316, the “Endangered Species Recovery Transparency Act”; H.R. 4317, the “State, Tribal, and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act”; and H.R. 4318, the “Endangered Species Litigation Reasonableness Act”. Testimony was heard from Michael Bean, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of Interior; Sam Rauch, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce; Kel Seliger, State Senator, Amarillo, TX; Tom Jankovsky, Commissioner, Garfield County Colorado; and public witnesses.

AMERICAN ENERGY JOBS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND MINORITIES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “American Energy Jobs: Opportunities for Women and Minorities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 187, to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit L06, Topsail, North Carolina; H.R. 277, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in Rhode Island; H.R. 1810, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Gasparilla Island Unit in Florida; H.R. 1811, to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System areas included in Florida System Unit P-16, and for other purposes; H.R. 2057, to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System the areas comprising Bay County Unit P-31P in Florida; H.R. 3226, to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System certain properties in South Carolina; H.R. 3227, to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System certain

properties in South Carolina; H.R. 3572, to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in North Carolina; and H.R. 4222, to correct the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System in Gulf County Florida, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Jones; McIntyre; and Rice (SC); and Gary Frazer, Assistant Director, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service; Thomas B. Evans, Jr., Former Member of Congress; Daniel Tuman, Mayor, Town of North Topsail Beach; Warren Yeager, Jr., Gulf County Commissioner, Florida; Terrell Arline, County Attorney, Bay County, Florida; and public witnesses.

THE PRESIDENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The President’s Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Proposal for the Postal Service”. Testimony was heard from Brian Deese, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget.

REDUCING WASTE IN GOVERNMENT: ADDRESSING GAO’S 2014 REPORT ON DUPLICATIVE FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Reducing Waste in Government: Addressing GAO’s 2014 Report on Duplicative Federal Programs”. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

THE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE WITH PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Panel on Public-Private Partnerships held a hearing entitled “The International Experience with Public-Private Partnerships”. Testimony was heard from Representative Delaney; and public witnesses.

BENEFITS OF PERMANENT TAX POLICY FOR AMERICA’S JOB CREATORS

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on the Benefits of Permanent Tax Policy for America’s Job Creators. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT’S FINAL EMPLOYER MANDATE AND EMPLOYER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS REGULATIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Treasury Department’s Final Employer Mandate and Employer Reporting Requirements Regulations”. Testimony was

heard from J. Mark Iwry, Senior Advisor to the Secretary and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Retirement and Health Policy, Department of Treasury.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D380)

H.R. 4275, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans. Signed on April 7, 2014. (Public Law 113–97)

S. 1557, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals. Signed on April 7, 2014. (Public Law 113–98)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:15 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine an assessment on how to keep our railways safe for passengers and communities, 9:45 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine defense health programs, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Air Force, 2:30 p.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:15 a.m., SR–232A.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR–222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine National Nuclear Security Administration management of its National Security Laboratories and the status of the Nuclear Security Enterprise in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine from here to Mars, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 429, to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products, S. 1014, to reduce sports-related concussions in youth, S. 1406, to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, S. 1275, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance the existing loan funding the Pacific Coast groundfish fishing capacity reduction program, S. 1379, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens, S. 1468, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation, S. 1793, to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, S. 1925, to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders, S. 2022, to establish scientific standards and protocols across forensic disciplines, S. 2028, to amend the law relating to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, S. 2030, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, S. 2076, to amend the provisions of title 46, United States Code, related to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, S. 2086, to address current emergency shortages of propane and other home heating fuels and to provide greater flexibility and information for Governors to address such emergencies in the future, S. 2140, to improve the transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles, H.R. 2052, to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report to Congress on ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment, the nomination of David J. Arroyo, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and nominations for promotion in the United States Coast Guard, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging, to hold hearings to examine addressing primary care access and workforce challenges, focusing on voices from the field, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian education, focusing on Indian students in public schools, and cultivating the next generation, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger and the impact on consumers, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine election administration, focusing on making voter rolls more complete and more accurate, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1728, to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve ballot accessibility to uniformed services voters and overseas voters, S. 1937, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to develop contingency plans to address unexpected emergencies or natural disasters that may threaten to disrupt the administration of an election for Federal office, S. 1947, to rename the Government Printing Office the Government Publishing Office, S. 2197, to repeal certain requirements regarding newspaper advertising of Senate stationery contracts, and the nominations of Thomas Hicks, of Virginia, and Myrna Perez, of Texas, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, 10:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for the Small Business Administration, 11 a.m., SR-428A.

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Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4413, the "Customer Protection and End User Relief Act", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Commerce, FY 2015 Budget, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Office of Management and Budget FY 2015 Budget, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill, FY 2015; and Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2015; and Report on the Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2015, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "National Defense Priorities from Members for the FY 2015 National Defense Authorization Act", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "Beneficiary and Advocacy Overview of the FY15 President's Budget", 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4320, the "Workforce Democ-

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Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, continued markup on H.R. 6, the "Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, markup on H.R. 4342, the "Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters (DOTCOM) Act of 2014", 4 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Enhance Capital Formation for Small and Emerging Growth Companies", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "U.S. Foreign Assistance in FY 2015: What Are the Priorities, How Effective?", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled "Advancing U.S. Interests in the Western Hemisphere: The FY 2015 Foreign Affairs Budget", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Boston Marathon Bombings, One Year On: A Look Back to Look Forward", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 503, the "National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War Memorial Act"; H.R. 836, the "Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum Act of 2013"; H.R. 2208, the "North American Wetlands Conservation Extension Act of 2013"; H.R. 2430, the "Hinchliffe Stadium Heritage Act of 2013"; H.R. 3802, to extend the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes; H.R. 4002, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes; H.R. 4017, to designate a peak located in Nevada as "Mount Reagan"; H.R. 4120, to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date; H.R. 4253, the "Bureau of Land Management Withdrawn Military Lands Efficiency and Savings Act"; and H.R. 4309, to amend the Sikes Act to make certain improvements to the administration of cooperative agreements for land management related to Department of Defense readiness activities, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements, hearing entitled "Examining Ways the Social Security Administration Can Improve the Disability Review Process", 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space, markup on H.R. 4412, the "National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2014", 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “Prizes to Spur Innovation and Technology Breakthroughs”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Biggest Tax Problems for Small Businesses”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

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Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Continued Assessment of Delays in VA Medical Care and Preventable Veteran Deaths”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

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