

CORRECTION

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3903–3947

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2514–2524, and S. Res. 482–483. **Pages S3938–39**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 2388, To take certain Federal lands located in El Dorado County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians. (S. Rept. No. 113–197) **Page S3935**

Measures Considered:

Bipartisan Sportsmen’s Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2363, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting. **Pages S3903–04**

Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the order of Thursday, June 19, 2014 with respect to H.R. 803, to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st century, be modified as follows: that at 12 noon, on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 803, with the time until 2:30 p.m., equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with Senators Flake and Lee controlling 5 minutes each of the Republicans’ time; that the provisions regarding 10 minutes of debate prior to voting on the amendments listed in the order, and on the bill, be vitiated; and that all other provisions of the previous order remain in effect. **Page S3947**

Krause Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Cheryl Ann Krause, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. **Page S3925**

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, June 26, 2014. **Page S3925**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. EX. 206), Paul G. Byron, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Pages S3910, S3947**

By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. EX. 207), Carlos Eduardo Mendoza, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Pages S3910–11, S3947**

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 208), Beth Bloom, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Pages S3911, S3947**

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 209), Geoffrey W. Crawford, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont. **Pages S3911, S3947**

By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 211), Leon Rodriguez, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S3911–25, S3947**

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

By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 210), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3912**

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—211) **Pages S3910–12, S3925**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3947.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Homeland Security for fiscal year 2015.

APPROPRIATIONS: FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Financial Services and General Government for fiscal year 2015.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Miranda A. Ballentine, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment, and Energy, Laura Junor, of Virginia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Gordon O. Tanner, of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, and Debra S. Wada, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, all of the Department of Defense, Monica C. Regalbuto, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, and 1,815 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Shaun L. S. Donovan, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

STUDENT DEBT

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine less student debt from the start, focusing on what role the tax system should play, after receiving testimony from Mark J. Mazur, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy; Jayne Caflin Fonash, Loudoun Academy of Science, Sterling, Virginia; Scott A. Hodge, Tax Foundation, and Dean A. Zerbe, alliantgroup, both of Washington, DC; and Amber Lee, Eugene, Oregon.

COMBATING VIOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy and Global Women's Issues concluded a hearing to examine combating violence and discrimination against women, focusing on a global call to action, after receiving testimony from Senators Warren, Hirono, Heitkamp, Baldwin, Stabenow, Klobuchar, and Murray; Catherine M. Russell, Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues, Department of State; Susan Markham, Senior Coordinator for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, U.S. Agency for International Development; Gary Barker, Promundo-US, and Jacqueline O'Neill, The Institute for Inclusive Security, both of Washington, DC; and Hauwa Ibrahim, Harvard University Radcliffe Institute, Abuja, Nigeria.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 3212, to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction by countries with which the United States enjoys reciprocal obligations, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, with an amendment;

S. 2508, to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, with an amendment;

S. 1933, to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, with an amendment;

S. 1104, to measure the progress of recovery and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010, with an amendment;

S. Res. 447, recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in the efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance, with amendments;

S. Res. 462, recognizing the Khmer and Lao/Hmong Freedom Fighters of Cambodia and Laos for supporting and defending the United States Armed Forces during the conflict in Southeast Asia and for their continued support and defense of the United States, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Robert Stephen Beecroft, of California, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Dana Shell Smith, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar, Stuart E. Jones, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq,

James D. Nealon, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, Noah Bryson Mamet, of California, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic, Gentry O. Smith, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, Mark William Lippert, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Joan A. Polaschik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, and Theodore G. Osius III, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, all of the Department of State, Karen Kornbluh, of New York, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, and Jonathan Nicholas Stivers, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

OLMSTEAD AT 15

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine moving toward greater community inclusion, focusing on Olmstead at 15, after receiving testimony from Emmanuel Smith, Disability Rights Iowa, Des Moines; Norma Robertson-Dabrowski, Liberty Resources, Inc. (LRI), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Gail Godwin, Shared Support Maryland, Baltimore; Troy R. Justesen, Utah Developmental Disabilities Council, Orangeville; and Ricardo Thornton, and Donna Thornton, both of Washington, DC.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Pamela Har-

ris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Mikulski and Cardin, Pamela Pepper, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, who was introduced by Senators Baldwin and Johnson (WI), Brenda K. Sannes, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, and Patricia M. McCarthy, of Maryland, and Jeri Kaylene Somers, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AT&T AND DIRECTV MERGER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the AT&T and DIRECTV merger, focusing on the impact on competition and consumers in the video market and beyond, after receiving testimony from Randall Stephenson, AT&T Inc., Dallas, Texas; Michael White, DIRECTV, El Segundo, California; Christopher Keyser, Writers Guild of America, West Inc., Los Angeles, California; and Matthew F. Wood, Free Press, Larry Downes, Georgetown University Center for Business and Public Policy, and Ross J. Lieberman, American Cable Association, all of Washington, DC.

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: 13 public bills, H.R. 4944–4956; were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 641, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4899) to lower gasoline prices for the American family by increasing domestic onshore and offshore energy exploration and production, to streamline and improve onshore and offshore energy permitting and administration, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4923) making appropriations for energy and water

development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–493).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thompson (PA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:37 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Customer Protection and End User Relief Act: The House passed H.R. 4413, to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure

transparency and accountability at the Commission, and to help farmers, ranchers, and end users manage risks to help keep consumer costs low, by a recorded vote of 265 ayes to 144 noes, Roll No. 349. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, June 23rd.

Pages H5659–65

Rejected the Kuster motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 348.

Pages H5663–65

Agreed to:

Garrett amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 113–476) that was debated on June 23rd that exempts Registered Investment Companies (RICs) that are currently registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 from duplicative registration requirements with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). The SEC will continue to have full regulatory oversight and enforcement authority over RICs. Amendment does not remove the jurisdiction and regulatory authority that the CFTC has over all futures, options and swaps transactions that the RICs invest in on behalf of their customers who are pensioners, retirees, and savers (by a recorded vote of 252 ayes to 158 noes, Roll No. 347).

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Rejected:

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–476) that was debated on June 23rd that sought to require a study on entities regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 343);

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Waters amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 113–476) that was debated on June 23rd that sought to prohibit judicial review of any consideration by the CFTC of the costs and benefits of its rules and orders (by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 344);

Pages H5660–61

Moore amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 113–476) that was debated on June 23rd that sought to strike Section 203, and replace with the Sense of Congress that the Commodity Future Trading Commission is already required by law to consider costs and benefits when promulgating rules and issuing orders, and is held accountable to this requirement by courts (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 345); and

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Jackson Lee amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 113–476) that was debated on June 23rd that sought to preserve existing law by striking “United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit or the United States Court of Appeals for the circuit,” and replace with “United States District

Court for the District of Columbia or the United States District Court for the district” (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 346).

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H. Res. 629, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on June 19th.

North American Energy Infrastructure Act: The House passed H.R. 3301, to require approval for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at the national boundary of the United States for the import or export of oil, natural gas, or electricity to or from Canada or Mexico, by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 354.

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Rejected the Schneider motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 353.

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Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–49 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill.

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Rejected:

Pallone amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–492) that sought to ensure that the complete length of cross-border projects would be subject to full environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 350);

ages H5673–74, H5683–84

Waxman amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–492) that sought to exclude any project with a pending permit application from the new approval requirements in the bill (by a recorded vote of 171 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 351); and

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Welch amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–492) that sought to ensure pipeline modifications receive a thorough environmental review process (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 352).

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H. Res. 636, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 6) and (H.R. 3301), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 342, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 341.

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Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 6, to provide for expedited approval of exportation of natural gas to World Trade Organization countries. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 25th.

Pages H5676–83

H. Res. 636, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 6) and (H.R. 3301), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 342, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 341.

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

Combating Autism Reauthorization Act of 2014: H.R. 4631, amended, to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism;

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Trauma Systems and Regionalization of Emergency Care Reauthorization Act: H.R. 4080, amended, to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs;

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Improving Trauma Care Act of 2014: H.R. 3548, amended, to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents;

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Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act: H.R. 1281, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act;

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Traumatic Brain Injury Reauthorization Act: H.R. 1098, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to traumatic brain injury and to trauma research; and

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Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014: S. 1681, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and 13 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5658–59, H5659, H5660, H5660–61, H5661–62, H5662, H5662–63, H5664–65, H5665, H5684, H5685, H5685–86, H5687, H5687–88. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill FY 2015. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

CASE STUDIES IN DOD ACQUISITION: FINDING WHAT WORKS

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Case Studies in DOD Acquisition: Finding What Works”. Testimony was heard from Ronald O’Rourke, Specialist, National Defense, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

FILIPINO VETERANS EQUITY COMPENSATION FUND

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund: Examining the Department of Defense and Interagency Process for Verifying Eligibility”. Testimony was heard from Brad Flohr, Senior Advisor, Compensation Service, Department of Veterans Affairs; Scott Levins, Director, National Personnel Records Center, National Archives and Records Administration; Brigadier General David K. “Mac” MacEwan, 59th Adjutant General of the Army, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

WHAT SHOULD WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS EXPECT NEXT FROM THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD; AND MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a meeting to assign recently elected Members to subcommittees. The Committee announced and accepted subcommittee assignments. The Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “What Should Workers and Employers Expect Next From the National Labor Relations Board?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Annual Report of the Financial Stability Oversight Council”. Testimony was heard from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

THAILAND: A DEMOCRACY IN PERIL

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Thailand: A Democracy in Peril”. Testimony was heard from Scot

Marciel, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

GROWING PROBLEM OF UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN CROSSING THE BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Dangerous Passage: The Growing Problem of Unaccompanied Children Crossing the Border”. Testimony was heard from Jeh Johnson, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; W. Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; and Ronald D. Vitiello, Deputy Chief, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

UTILIZING CANINE TEAMS TO DETECT EXPLOSIVES AND MITIGATE THREATS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “Utilizing Canine Teams to Detect Explosives and Mitigate Threats”. Testimony was heard from Annmarie Lontz, Division Director, Office of Security Services and Assessments, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Melanie Harvey, Director, Threat Assessment Division, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Jenny Grover, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

PROPOSED MERGER OF AT&T AND DIRECTV

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled “The Proposed Merger of AT&T and DIRECTV”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROMOTING AND PROTECTING AMERICAN INNOVATION, COMPETITIVENESS AND MARKET ACCESS IN FOREIGN MARKETS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Trade Secrets: Promoting and Protecting American Innovation, Competitiveness and Market Access in Foreign Markets”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICAN ENERGY JOBS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION

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

NEW FEDERAL SCHEMES TO SOAK UP WATER AUTHORITY: IMPACTS ON STATES, WATER USERS, RECREATION, AND JOBS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on “New Federal Schemes to Soak Up Water Authority: Impacts on States, Water Users, Recreation, and Jobs”. Testimony was heard from Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service; Lowell Pimley, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; Patrick Tyrrell, State Engineer, State of Wyoming; and public witnesses.

CHILD PROTECTION AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM ON THE SPIRIT LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing entitled “Child Protection and the Justice System on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation”. Testimony was heard from Michael S. Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Joo Yeum Chang, Associate Commissioner, Children’s Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE’S PLAN TO IMPLEMENT A BAN ON THE COMMERCIAL TRADE IN ELEPHANT IVORY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Plan to Implement a Ban on the Commercial Trade in Elephant Ivory”. Testimony was heard from Robert G. Dreher, Associate Director, Fish and Wildlife Service; and public witnesses.

IRS OBSTRUCTION: LOIS LERNER’S MISSING E-MAILS, PART II

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “IRS Obstruction: Lois Lerner’s Missing E-mails, Part II”. Testimony was heard from Jennifer O’Connor, Office of the White House Counsel, The White House; and David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration.

LOWERING GASOLINE PRICES TO FUEL AN AMERICA THAT WORKS ACT OF 2014; AND ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT FY 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4899, the “Lowering Gasoline Prices to Fuel an America That Works Act of 2014”; and H.R. 4923, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act FY 2015. The

Committee granted by record vote of 9–3 a structured rule for H.R. 4899. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–50 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule grants a modified-open rule for H.R. 4923. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule provides that after general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. During consideration of the bill for amendment: (1) amendments shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to amendment; and (2) no pro forma amendments shall be in order except that the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 3, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from June 27, 2014, through July 7, 2014: 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 4, 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 3. In section 5, the rule provides for consideration of concurrent resolutions providing for adjournment during the month of July. In section 6, the rule provides that the Committee on Appropriations may, at any time before 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 3, 2014, file privileged reports to accompany measures making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. Testimony was heard from Representatives Simpson, Kaptur, Hastings (WA), Sanford, and Jackson Lee.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4012, the “Secret Science Reform Act of 2014”. The bill was ordered reported, without amendment.

Joint Meetings

NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic impact of increased natural gas production, after receiving testimony from Daniel Yergin, IHS, Jim Bruce, UPS, Diana Furchtgott-Roth, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, and Elgie Holstein, Environmental Defense Fund, all of Washington, DC; and Charles A. Meloy, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, The Woodlands, Texas.

VETERANS’ ACCESS TO CARE THROUGH CHOICE, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3230, to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to receive a closed briefing on United States nuclear deterrence policy, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Julian Castro, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Laura S. Wertheimer, of the District of

Columbia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council annual report to Congress, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine young workers and recent graduates in the United States economy, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine NextGen, focusing on a review of progress, challenges, and opportunities for improving aviation safety and efficiency, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 1971, to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of D. Nathan Sheets, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary, and Ramin Toloui, of Iowa, to be Deputy Under Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine trade enforcement, focusing on using trade rules to level the playing field for United States companies and workers, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the future of United States-China relations, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 2449, to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and the nominations of William D. Adams, of Maine, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Robert M. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, and any additional nominations cleared for action, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 2521, Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014, S. 2519, National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center Act of 2014, H.R. 1232, to amend titles 40, 41, and 44, United States Code, to eliminate duplication and waste in information technology acquisition and management, S. 1691, to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for reforms and rates of pay for border patrol agents, H.R. 4194, to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements, S. 2061, to prevent conflicts of interest relating to contractors providing background investigation fieldwork services and investigative support services, S. 231, to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp, S. 1214, to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government, S. 2117, to amend title 5, United

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Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine economic development, focusing on encouraging investment in Indian country, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine S. 1945, to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, focusing on updating the “Voting Rights Act” in response to *Shelby County v. Holder*, 10 a.m., SD-106.

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Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Children Migrating from Central America: Solving a Humanitarian Crisis”, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

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