

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 803, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3949–S4094

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2525–2532, and S. Res. 484–485. **Page S4003**

Measures Reported:

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 an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

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. **Page S4003**

Measures Passed:

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act: By 95 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 214), Senate passed H.R. 803, to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3964–91**

Adopted:

Harkin (for Murray) Amendment No. 3381 (to Amendment No. 3378), relating to a report on date capability of Federal and State databases and data exchange agreements. **Pages S3972–75, S3982**

Murray Amendment No. 3378, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3964–72, S3982**

Murray Amendment No. 3382, to amend the title. **Page S3991**

Rejected:

By 33 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 212), Flake Amendment No. 3379 (to Amendment No. 3378), to make the appointment and certification of a new local board permissible instead of required. **Pages S3975–79, S3982**

By 40 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 213), Lee Amendment No. 3380 (to Amendment No. 3378), to require that evaluation reports are due every fourth year, to establish a reservation of funds in a fiscal year in which a report is due, and to establish a reduction in funds if a report is not submitted. **Pages S3979–82**

150th Anniversary of the Yosemite Grant Act: Senate agreed to S. Res. 484, recognizing and honoring the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Yosemite Grant Act. **Page S4092**

Congratulating the San Antonio Spurs: Senate agreed to S. Res. 485, congratulating the San Antonio Spurs for winning the 2014 National Basketball Association Championship. **Page S4092**

Measures Considered:

Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act—Cloture: 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 S3949–50, S3991–97**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Cheryl Ann Krause, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. **Page S3997**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 1:45

p.m., on Thursday, June 26, 2014, Senate begin consideration of the following nominations: Stuart E. Jones, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Robert Stephen Beecroft, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Karen Dynan, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Esther Puakela Kia'aina, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Vincent G. Logan, of New York, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior, and Jo Emily Handelman, of Connecticut, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy; that there be 2 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form on each nomination; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations, in the order listed; that all roll call votes after the first be 10 minutes in length; that no further motions be in order. **Page S4089**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. **Pages S3991, S4092**

Jamie Michael Morin, of Michigan, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Department of Defense. **Pages S3991, S4092**

Thomas P. Kelly III, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti. **Pages S3991, S4092**

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
89 Army nominations in the rank of general.

11 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

29 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—214) **Page S3982**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 4:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4092.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. NUCLEAR DETERRENCE POLICY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces received a closed briefing on United States nuclear deterrence policy from Gary Samore, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Keith B. Payne, National Institute for Public Policy, Fairfax, Virginia; and Paul J. Bracken, Yale School of Management, New Haven, Connecticut.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council annual report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary of the Treasury.

YOUNG WORKERS AND RECENT GRADUATES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine young workers and recent graduates in the United States economy, after receiving testimony from Emma Kallaway, Oregon Student Association, Portland; Rory O'Sullivan, Young Invincibles, Washington, D.C.; Heidi Shierholz, Economic Policy Institute, Silver Spring, Maryland; and Keith Hall, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Oakton, Virginia.

IMPROVING AVIATION SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine NextGen, focusing on a review of progress, challenges, and opportunities for improving aviation safety and efficiency, after receiving testimony from Michael G. Whitaker, Deputy Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, and Matthew E. Hampton, Assistant Inspector General for Aviation Audits, both of the Department of Transportation; Paul Rinaldi, National Air Traffic Controllers Association, Washington, DC; and Gary Beck, Alaska Airlines, Seattle, Washington.

NEXUS OF ENERGY AND WATER FOR SUSTAINABILITY ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Jonathan Pershing, Principal Deputy Director, Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis, Department of Energy; Tom Iseman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science; Nicole T. Carter, Specialist in Natural Resources Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Anda Ray, Electric Power Research Institute, Palo Alto, California; and Mary Ann Dickinson, Alliance for Water Efficiency, Chicago, Illinois.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing 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, and Maria Cancian, of Wisconsin, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Family Support, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TRADE ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine trade enforcement, focusing on using trade rules to level the playing field for United States companies and workers, after receiving testimony from Kevin J. Brosch, BroschTrade, LLC, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the National Chicken Council; Richard Wilkins, American Soybean Association, Greenwood, Delaware; Bart Peterson, Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Leo W. Gerard, United Steelworkers, and Mario Longhi,

United States Steel Corporation, both of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of United States-China relations, after receiving testimony from Daniel Russel, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; J. Stapleton Roy, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC; and Aaron L. Friedberg, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2521, Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014;

S. 2519, National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center Act of 2014, with an amendment;

H.R. 1232, to amend titles 40, 41, and 44, United States Code, to eliminate duplication and waste in information technology acquisition and management, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4194, to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2061, to prevent conflicts of interest relating to contractors providing background investigation fieldwork services and investigative support services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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 States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan, S. 1347, to provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government sponsored conferences;

H.R. 1376, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building";

H.R. 1813, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 162 Northeast Avenue in Tallmadge, Ohio, as the “Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin, Jr., Post Office Building”;

S. 2056, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the “Sergeant Brett E. Gornewicz Memorial Post Office”;

S. 2057, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the “Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building”; and

The nomination of Shaun L. S. Donovan, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 2449, to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of William D. Adams, of Maine, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and Robert M. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine economic development, focusing on encouraging investment in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Dennis Nolan, Acting Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury; Gary Davis, The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, Mesa, Arizona; William M. Lettig, KeyBank, Bellevue, Washington; Gerald Sherman, Native CDFI Network, Roscoe, Montana; Kevin J. Allis, Native American Contractors Associa-

tion and Potawatomi Business Development Corporation, Washington, DC; and Sherry L. Rupert, American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing 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*, after receiving testimony from Texas State Senator Sylvia R. Garcia, Houston; Michael A. Carvin, Jones Day, Abigail Thernstrom, American Enterprise Institute, and Sherrilyn Ifill, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., all of Washington, DC; and Francys Johnson, Georgia NAACP, Statesboro.

EARLY AND ABSENTEE VOTING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how early and absentee voting can benefit citizens and administrators, focusing on election administration, after receiving testimony from Kate Brown, Oregon Secretary of State, Salem; John C. Fortier, Bipartisan Policy Center, Washington, DC; Rhonda Whiting, Western Native Voice Board of Directors, Missoula, Montana; and Larry Lomax, former Clark County Registrar, Las Vegas, Nevada.

BRAIN INJURIES AND DISEASES

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine brain injuries and diseases of aging, after receiving testimony from Christopher Nowinski, Sports Legacy Institute, and Robert A. Stern, Boston University School of Medicine, both of Boston, Massachusetts; Jacob W. VanLandingham, Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare and Florida State University College of Medicine, Tallahassee; and Ben Utecht, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4957–4975; and 11 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 104; and H. Res. 642–650 were introduced.

Pages H5767–68

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H5769–70

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ros-Lehtinen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Rabbi Israel Zoberman, Congregation Beth Chaverim, Virginia Beach, Virginia. **Page H5732**

Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act: The House passed H.R. 6, to provide for expedited approval of exportation of natural gas to World Trade Organization countries, by a yea-and-nay vote of 266 yeas to 150 nays, Roll No. 359. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, June 24th.

Pages H5741–52

Rejected the Garamendi 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 192 yeas to 225 noes, Roll No. 358.

Pages H5750–51

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–48 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.

Pages H5741–43

Agreed to:

Gardner manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–492) that strikes the subsection requiring a 90 day decision deadline and replace it with a 30 day decision deadline requiring DOE to issue a final decision on applications to export LNG following the conclusion of the NEPA environmental review of the LNG facilities. For the purposes of the 30 day decision deadline, the NEPA review would be considered concluded: for a project requiring an Environmental Impact Statement, 30 days after publication of a Final Environmental Impact Statement; for a project for which an Environmental Assessment has been prepared, 30 days after publication by DOE of a Finding of No Significant Impact; and upon determination by the lead agency that an application is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion pursuant to NEPA.

Pages H5743–45

Rejected:

Holt amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–492) that sought to require the Secretary of Energy, before approving any natural gas exports, to make a public interest determination in consideration of how exports will affect domestic natural gas prices, jobs and manufacturing, and other factors and

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DeFazio amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–492) that sought to require an applicant to disclose any intention to use eminent domain for any construction necessary for LNG exports (by a recorded vote of 196 yeas to 221 noes, Roll No. 357).

Pages H5745–46, H5749–50

H. Res. 636, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 6) and (H.R. 3301), was agreed to yesterday, June 24th.

Recess: The House recessed at 1:55 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m. **Page H5746**

Oath of Office—Nineteenth Congressional District of Florida: Representative-elect Curt Clawson presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter received from Ms. Maria Matthews, Director of Elections, Office of the Secretary of State of Florida, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held June 24, 2014, the Honorable Curt Clawson was elected Representative to Congress for the Nineteenth Congressional District, State of Florida. **Pages H5747, H5766**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Florida, Mr. Clawson, the whole number of the House is 433. **Page H5748**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, June 26th. **Page H5752**

Lowering Gasoline Prices to Fuel an America That Works Act of 2014: The House began consideration of H.R. 4899, to lower gasoline prices for the American family by increasing domestic onshore and offshore energy exploration and production and to streamline and improve onshore and offshore energy permitting and administration. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 26th.

Pages H5736–41, H5746–49

H. Res. 641, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4899) and (H.R. 4923), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 yeas to 189 noes, Roll No. 356, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 355. **Pages H5748–49**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5746–47, H5748–49, H5749, H5751, H5751–52. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW OF CREDIT AVAILABILITY IN RURAL AMERICA

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Rural Development, and Credit held a hearing on a

review of credit availability in rural America. Testimony was heard from Chris Beyerhelm, Deputy Administrator, Farm Loan Programs, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture; Nathan S. Kauffman, Assistant Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank, Kansas City; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill FY 2015. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MEDICARE PROGRAM INTEGRITY: SCREENING OUT ERRORS, FRAUD, AND ABUSE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Medicare Program Integrity: Screening Out Errors, Fraud, and Abuse”. Testimony was heard from Shantanu Agrawal, M.D., Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Gary Cantrell, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and Kathleen M. King, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office.

EXAMINING REAUTHORIZATION OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining Reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank: Corporate Necessity or Corporate Welfare?”. Testimony was heard from Fred P. Hochberg, President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank; Osvaldo Luis Gratacós, Inspector General, Export-Import Bank; Mathew J. Scire, Director, Financial Services and General Government Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office; and public witnesses.

LIBYA AT A CROSSROADS: A FALTERING TRANSITION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Libya at a Crossroads: A Faltering Transition”. Testimony was heard from Anne W. Patterson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and Derek Chollet, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Department of Defense.

REVIEWING THE ADMINISTRATION’S FY 2015 BUDGET REQUEST FOR EUROPE AND EURASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled “Reviewing the Administration’s FY 2015 Budget Request for Europe and Eurasia”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Rosenblum, Coordinator, U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; Jonathan Katz, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Denise Rollins, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development.

CHILDREN MIGRATING FROM CENTRAL AMERICA: SOLVING A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Children Migrating from Central America: Solving a Humanitarian Crisis”. Testimony was heard from Francisco Palmieri, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Central America and the Caribbean, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and Mark Lopes, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development.

HOW DATA MINING THREATENS STUDENT PRIVACY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies; and Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled “How Data Mining Threatens Student Privacy”. Testimony was heard from Joyce Popp, Chief Information Officer, Idaho State Department of Education; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 186, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate. Testimony was heard from Representative Jones.

MUSIC LICENSING UNDER TITLE 17 PART TWO

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing

entitled “Music Licensing Under Title 17 Part Two”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AN ADMINISTRATION MADE DISASTER: THE SOUTH TEXAS BORDER SURGE OF UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN MINORS

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “An Administration Made Disaster: The South Texas Border Surge of Unaccompanied Alien Minors”. Testimony was heard from Tom Homan, Executive Associate Director, Enforcement and Removal Operations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Ronald Vitiello, Deputy Chief, Border Patrol, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

INCREASING CARBON SOIL SEQUESTRATION ON PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation held an oversight hearing entitled “Increasing Carbon Soil Sequestration on Public Lands”. Testimony was heard from Tommie Martin, Supervisor, Gila County, Arizona; and public witnesses.

MANAGEMENT FAILURES: OVERSIGHT OF THE EPA

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Management Failures: Oversight of the EPA”. Testimony was heard from Senators Whitehouse and Vitter; and Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process held a legislative hearing on H.R. 1869, the “Biennial Budgeting and Enhanced Oversight Act of 2014”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ribble, Price (NC), Whitfield, Cole, and public witnesses.

PATHWAYS TO EXPLORATION: A REVIEW OF THE FUTURE OF HUMAN SPACE EXPLORATION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Pathways to Exploration: A Review of the Future of Human Space Exploration”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VBA AND VHA INTERACTIONS: ORDERING AND CONDUCTING MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “VBA and VHA Interactions: Or-

dering and Conducting Medical Examinations”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Murphy, Director, Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3393, the “Student and Family Tax Simplification Act”; and H.R. 4935, the “Child Tax Credit Improvement Act of 2014”. The bills were ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Homeland Security, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Tourism, Competitiveness, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine the state of the United States travel and tourism industry, focusing on Federal efforts to attract 100 million visitors annually, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “The Preserving American’s Transit and Highways Act”, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alfonso E. Lenhardt, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Marcia Denise Ocomy, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine sexual assault on campus, focusing on working to ensure student safety, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2454, to amend title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions of the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act of 2010, S. 517, to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, and S. J. Res. 19, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing

entitled “Oversight of the SEC’s Division of Trading and Markets”, 9:15 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 2283, to prioritize the fight against human trafficking within the Department of State according to congressional intent in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 without increasing the size of the Federal Government, and for other purposes; H.R. 4347, to require the Secretary of State to provide an annual report to Congress regarding United States Government efforts to survey and secure the return, protection, and restoration of stolen, confiscated, or otherwise unreturned Christian properties in the Republic of Turkey and in those areas currently occupied by the Turkish military in northern Cyprus; H.R. 4411, to prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes; H.R. 4640, to establish the Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission; and H.R. 4653, to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes; H. Res. 435, calling on the government of Iran to fulfill

their promises of assistance in this case of Robert Levinson, one of the longest held United States civilians in our Nation’s history; and H. Res. 588, concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents; and H. Res. 562, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to enhanced relations with the Republic of Moldova and support for Moldova’s territorial integrity, 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Task Force on Over-Criminalization, hearing entitled “Collateral Consequences”, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Oversight, joint subcommittee hearing entitled “Technology for Patient Safety at Veterans Hospitals”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade, hearing entitled “The New Domestic Energy Paradigm: Downstream Challenges for Small Energy Businesses”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, June 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 noon), Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Cheryl Ann Krause, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. At 1:45 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Stuart E. Jones, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Robert Stephen Beecroft, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Karen Dynan, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Esther Puakela Kia'aina, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Vincent G. Logan, of New York, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior, and Jo Emily Handelsman, of Connecticut, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 4899—Lowering Gasoline Prices to Fuel an America That Works Act of 2014.

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