

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Julian Castro, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4287–S4365

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2570–2579, and S. Res. 497. **Page S4336**

Measures Reported:

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”. **Page S4336**

Measures Passed:

Black Hills Cemetery Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 291, to provide for the conveyance of certain cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S4355, S4361**

Hill Creek Cultural Preservation and Energy Development Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 356, to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled “An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reserva-

tion in the State of Utah, and for other purposes”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S4355, S4361**

Provo River Project Transfer Act: Senate passed H.R. 255, to amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions. **Pages S4355, S4361**

Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act: Senate passed H.R. 330, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California. **Pages S4355, S4361**

Pascua Yaqui Tribe Trust Land Act: Senate passed H.R. 507, to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona. **Pages S4355-56, S4361**

Three Kids Mine Remediation and Reclamation Act: Senate passed 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. **Pages S4356, S4361**

Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act: Senate passed H.R. 876, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho. **Pages S4356, S4361**

North Cascades National Park Service Complex Fish Stocking Act: Senate passed H.R. 1158, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area. **Pages S4356, S4361**

Lake Hill Administrative Site Affordable Housing Act: Senate passed H.R. 2337, to provide for the

conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado.

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Huna Tlingit Traditional Gull Egg Use Act: Senate passed H.R. 3110, to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska.

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Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act: Senate passed S. 247, to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, after agreeing to the committee amendment.

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Lower Mississippi River Area Study Act: Senate passed S. 311, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, after agreeing to the committee amendment, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Coburn) Amendment No. 3528, to modify the section relating to donations.

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Oregon Caves Revitalization Act: Senate passed S. 354, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument.

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Geothermal Production Expansion Act: Senate passed S. 363, to expand geothermal production.

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Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act: Senate passed S. 476, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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San Juan County Federal Land Conveyance Act: Senate passed S. 609, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, New Mexico, after agreeing to the committee amendments.

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Major General William H. Gourley VA–DOD Outpatient Clinic: Senate passed H.R. 272, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense joint outpatient clinic to be constructed in Marina, California, as the “Major General William H. Gourley VA–DOD Outpatient Clinic”.

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Dr. Cameron McKinley Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Center: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of

H.R. 1216, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Vet Center in Prescott, Arizona, as the “Dr. Cameron McKinley Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Center”, and the bill was then passed.

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National Day of Remembrance for Nuclear Weapons Program Workers: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 417, designating October 30, 2014, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Honoring the Life and Career of Charles “Chuck” Noll: Senate agreed to S. Res. 497, honoring the life and career of Charles “Chuck” Noll.

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Measures Considered:

Bipartisan Sportmen’s Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 2363, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid (for Udall (CO)/Risch) Amendment No. 3469, to clarify a provision relating to the non-Federal share of the cost of acquiring land for, expanding, or constructing a public target range.

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Reid Amendment No. 3490 (to Amendment No. 3469), of a perfecting nature.

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Reid Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3491, to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 3492 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 3491), of a perfecting nature.

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Reid Amendment No. 3493 (to Amendment No. 3492), of a perfecting nature.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, July 11, 2014.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill be 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 10, 2014, and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments be 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 10, 2014.

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Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2244, to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program

established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002. **Pages S4298–S4324**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2014 National Drug Control Strategy; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (PM–49) **Pages S4330–31**

Bay Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Norman C. Bay, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. **Pages S4324–25**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Wednesday, July 9, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur at 12 noon, on Tuesday, July 15, 2014. **Pages S4324–25**

LaFleur Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Cheryl A. LaFleur, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. **Page S4325**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Wednesday, July 9, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur at 12 noon, on Tuesday, July 15, 2014. **Page S4325**

Bay and LaFleur Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 12 noon, on Tuesday, July 15, 2014, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Norman C. Bay, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Cheryl A. LaFleur, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in the order listed; that if cloture is invoked on either of these nominations, that at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, July 15, 2014, all post-cloture time be expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order upon which cloture was invoked; and that there be two minutes for debate prior to each vote. **Page S4325**

Donovan, Silliman, and Smith Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 12 noon, on Thursday, July 10, 2014, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Shaun L.S. Donovan, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Douglas Alan Silliman, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, and Dana Shell Smith, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar; that the time until 2 p.m. be equally divided in the form on the nomination of Shaun L.S. Donovan, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget; 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 there be two minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form, prior to votes on confirmation of the nominations of Douglas Alan Silliman, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, and Dana Shell Smith, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar, that all roll call votes after the first vote be 10 minutes in length; that no further motions be in order to the nominations. **Page S4325**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:
By 71 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 219), Julian Castro, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. **Pages S4297, S4365**
Darci L. Vetter, of Nebraska, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S4297, S4365**
William D. Adams, of Maine, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities for a term of four years. **Pages S4297–98, S4365**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jess Lippincott Baily, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia.
Judith Beth Cefkin, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu.

Robert Francis Cekuta, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan.
Stafford Fitzgerald Haney, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica.
Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.
Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Deputy Representative of the

United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Margaret Ann Uyehara, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Montenegro.

James Peter Zumwalt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Elizabeth M. Robinson, of Washington, to be Under Secretary of Energy, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 2014.

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Messages from the House: Page S4331

Measures Referred: Page S4331

Measures Placed on the Calendar: Pages S4287, S4331

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Amendments Submitted: Pages S4338–54

Authorities for Committees to Meet: Pages S4834–35

Privileges of the Floor: Page S4835

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—219) Page S4297

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:46 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4365.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COLLEGE ATHLETES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting the well-being and academic success of college athletes, after receiving testimony from Taylor Branch, *The Cartel*, Baltimore, Maryland; William

D. Bradshaw, National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, Radnor, Pennsylvania; Richard M. Southall, University of South Carolina College Sport Research Institute, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Mark A. Emmert, National Collegiate Athletic Association, Indianapolis, Indiana; Myron Rolle, Galloway Township, New Jersey; and Devon Ramsay, Red Bank, New Jersey.

RUSSIA AND DEVELOPMENTS IN UKRAINE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Russia and developments in Ukraine, after receiving testimony from Victoria Nuland, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; Daniel L. Glaser, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorist Financing; Derek Chollet, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; and Zbigniew Brzezinski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Stephen J. Hadley, RiceHadleyGates, LLC, both of Washington, DC.

CHALLENGES AT THE BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine challenges at the border, focusing on the causes, consequences, and responses to the rise in apprehensions at the Southern Border, after receiving testimony from Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, R. Gil Kerlikowske, Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, and Thomas S. Winkowski, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, all of the Department of Homeland Security; Mark Greenberg, Acting Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families; Francisco L. Palmieri, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs; and Juan P. Osuna, Director, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice.

INDIAN TRIBE LAND BILLS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2442, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land and mineral rights on the reservation of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana and other culturally important land into trust for the benefit of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, S. 2465, to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico, S. 2479, to provide for a land conveyance in the State of Nevada, S. 2480, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes, and S. 2503, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big

Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona, after receiving testimony from Senators Walsh and Flake; Michael S. Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Llevando Fisher, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Lame Deer, Montana; Aletha Tom, Moapa Band of Paiutes, Moapa, Nevada; Arlan Melendez, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Reno, Nevada; Sherry Counts, Hualapai Tribe, Peach Springs, Arizona; and Mike Canfield, Indian Pueblos Marketing, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

STRENGTHENING MEDICARE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving audits, focusing on strengthening the Medicare program for future generations, after receiving testimony from Kathleen King, Director, Healthcare, Government Accountability Office; Andrea Buck, Fellow, Special Committee on Aging; Mindy Hatton, American Hospital Association, Washington, DC.; Chad Janak, Connolly Healthcare, Wilton, Connecticut; Margaret Hambleton, Dignity Health, San Francisco, California; Diana Haramboure, First Coast Service Options, Jacksonville, Florida; Jessica Meeske, American Dental Association, Hastings, Nebraska; Walter J. Gorski, The Gorski Healthcare Group, LLC, Fairfax, Virginia, on behalf of the Medical Equipment Suppliers Association; Steve Stang, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, Arlington, Virginia; and Alan Weil, *Health Affairs*, Bethesda, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 5032–5051; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 117; and H. Res. 660, 662, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H6036–37

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 661, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5016) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4718) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation (H. Rept. 113–517).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. George Dillard, Peachtree City Christian Church, Peachtree City, Georgia.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 660, electing a Member to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H5887**

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

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act: Concurred in the Senate amendments to 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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 415 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 378.

Pages H5887–H5971, H6009–10

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015: The House began consideration of H.R. 4923, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 10th.

Pages H5971–85, H5985–H6010, H6010–32

Agreed to:

Walorski amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Army Corps of Engineers, Construction by \$500,000;

Pages H5983–84

Murphy (FL) amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of July 8, 2014) that increases funding, by offset, for Army Corps of Engineers, Construction by \$1,000,000; **Pages H5984–85**

Cassidy amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of July 3, 2014) that increases funding, by offset, for Army Corps of Engineers, Construction by \$5,000,000; **Page H5985**

Cassidy amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Army Corps of Engineers, Operation and Maintenance by \$1,000,000; **Page H5991**

Lankford amendment that provides such sums as are necessary to carry out the study authorized in section 6002 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014; **Page H5991**

Ruiz amendment that redirects \$1,000,000 in funding within the Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources for the purpose of addressing environmental restoration, specifically the Salton Sea; **Pages H5994–95**

Gardner amendment that redirects \$3,000,000 in funding within the Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources for the Arkansas Valley Conduit; **Page H5995**

Noem amendment that increases funding for the Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources by \$10,000,000 and reduces funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$7,000,000 and for Department of Energy, Departmental Administration by \$6,000,000; **Pages H5995–96**

Hahn amendment that increases funding for Army Corps of Engineers, Operation and Maintenance by \$57,600,000 and reduces funding for Department of Energy, Nuclear Energy by \$73,309,100 (by a recorded vote of 281 ayes to 137 noes, Roll No. 372); **Pages H5988–91, H6005–06**

Kaptur amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Department of Energy, Departmental Administration by \$500,000; **Pages H6015–16**

Reed amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup by \$4,000,000; **Pages H6016–17**

Foster amendment that redirects \$300,000 in funding within Department of Energy, Science for the National Undergraduate Fellowship Program; and **Pages H6018–19**

Kaptur amendment that redirects \$1,000,000 in funding within Department of Energy, Departmental Administration for environmental justice programs. **Pages H6021–23**

Rejected:

Castor (FL) amendment that sought to increase funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

by \$112,686,000 and reduce funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$165,000,000; **Pages H5997–98**

McAllister amendment that sought to increase funding for the Army Corps of Engineers flood damage reduction projects in the Mississippi River Valley below Cape Girardeau, Missouri by \$47,000,000 and to reduce funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$127,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 132 ayes to 284 noes, Roll No. 371); **Pages H5987–88, H6004–05**

Gosar amendment that sought to reduce funding for Army Corps of Engineers, Expenses by \$4,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 104 ayes to 316 noes, Roll No. 373); **Pages H5992–93, H6006**

Wenstrup amendment that sought to increase funding for the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund by \$15,000,000 and reduce funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$10,421,000 and Department of Energy, Departmental Administration by \$8,540,000 (by a recorded vote of 112 ayes to 309 noes, Roll No. 374); **Pages H5998–99, H6006–07**

Swalwell amendment that sought to increase funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$111,641,000 and reduce funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$161,879,450 (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 375); **Pages H5999–H6000, H6007**

Byrne amendment that sought to eliminate all funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, including the \$150,000,000 made available for program direction, and transfer the \$1,789,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 110 ayes to 310 noes, Roll No. 376); **Pages H6000–02, H6007–08**

McClintock amendment that sought to reduce funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$1,789,000,000; Nuclear Energy by \$717,000,000; and Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$593,000,000 and to apply the \$3,099,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 97 ayes to 321 noes, Roll No. 377); and **Pages H6003–04, H6008–09**

McNerney amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability by \$20,000,000. **Page H6013**

Withdrawn:

Ben Ray Luján amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for Army Corps of Engineers, Construction by \$15,000,000; **Pages H5985–86**

Cicilline amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have allocated \$44

million in funding specifically for environmental infrastructure projects for financially distressed municipalities; **Pages H5986–87**

Crawford amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$18,800,000 in funding within the Mississippi River and Tributaries account; **Page H5988**

Bilirakis amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have eliminated all funding for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works and applied the \$2,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account; **Page H5993**

Cohen amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$10,340,000 and reduced funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$15,000,000; **Pages H6002–03**

Perry amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$20,100,000; **Pages H6011–12**

Foster amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for Department of Energy, Science by \$40,155,000; **Pages H6017–18**

Fortenberry amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$25,000,000 in funding within Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation; and **Pages H6024–25**

Fattah amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$1 in funding within the Northern Border Regional Commission. **Page H6030**

Point of Order sustained against:

Lankford amendment that sought to insert new language into the General Provisions, Department of Energy portion of the bill relating to grant awards. **Page H6027**

Proceedings Postponed:

McClintock amendment that seeks to reduce funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Programs by \$22,000,000; Nuclear Energy by \$9,810,000; Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$30,935,000; Department of Energy, Departmental Administration by \$9,551,000; Nuclear Regulatory Commission by \$49,062,000 and to apply the \$121,358,000 in savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H6010–11**

Bonamici amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$9,000,000; **Pages H6012–13**

Speier amendment that seeks to reduce funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$30,935,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H6014–15**

Titus amendment (No. 15 printed in the Congressional Record of July 8, 2014) that seeks to eliminate funding for Nuclear Waste Disposal and apply the \$150,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H6019–20**

Schiff amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy by \$20,000,000; **Pages H6020–21**

Quigley amendment that seeks to reduce funding for the National Nuclear Security Administration, Weapons Activities by \$7,600,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H6023–24**

Chabot amendment that seeks to eliminate funding for the Denali Commission and apply the \$10,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account; and **Pages H6028–30**

Titus amendment (No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of July 8, 2014) that seeks to strike section 506, relating to the Yucca Mountain geologic repository license application. **Pages H6031–32**

H. Res. 641, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4899) and (H.R. 4923), was agreed to on June 25th.

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the 2014 National Drug Control Strategy—referred to the Committees on the Judiciary, Agriculture, Armed Services, Energy and Commerce, Education and the Workforce, Financial Services, Oversight and Government Reform, Foreign Affairs, Transportation and Infrastructure, Ways and Means, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security, Natural Resources, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–129). **Pages H6032–33**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5971.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6004–05, H6005, H6006, H6006–07, H6007, H6008, H6008–09, and H6009. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SOCIETAL BENEFITS OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Horticulture, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to consider the societal benefits of biotechnology. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a markup on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill FY, 2015. The bill was ordered reported, without amendment, to the Full Committee.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WAR ON POVERTY: WORKING WITH FAMILIES IN NEED

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Progress Report on the War on Poverty: Working with Families In Need”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

21ST CENTURY CURES: MODERNIZING CLINICAL TRIALS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “21st Century Cures: Modernizing Clinical Trials”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade began a markup on legislation regarding Targeting Rogue and Opaque Letters Act of 2014; H.R. 4450, the “Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2014”; and H.R. 4013, the “Low Volume Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Act of 2014”.

SPOTLIGHTING HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Spotlighting Human Rights in Southeast Asia”. Testimony was heard from Janet Nguyen, Supervisor, Orange County Board of Supervisors; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation held a hearing on H.R. 3994, the “Federal Lands Invasive Species Control, Prevention, and Management Act”; and H.R. 4751, to make technical corrections to Public Law 110–229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memo-

rial, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representative Kilmer; Lori Williams, Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council, Department of Interior; Mary Wagner, Associate Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and a public witness.

EXAMINING SOLUTIONS TO CLOSE THE \$106 BILLION IMPROPER PAYMENTS GAP

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Examining Solutions to Close the \$106 Billion Improper Payments Gap”. Testimony was heard from John A. Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service; Beth Cobert, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Beryl H. Davis, Director, Financial Services and General Government Management and Assurance; Government Accountability Office; Shantanu Agrawal, M.D., Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Program Integrity, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and Mark Easton, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Defense.

TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO MODIFY AND MAKE PERMANENT BONUS DEPRECIATION; AND FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4718, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation; and H.R. 5016, the “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2015”. The Committee granted by record vote of 8–3 a modified-open rule for H.R. 5016. 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 or clause 5(a) of rule XXI except for section 627. 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. Additionally, the rule grants a closed rule for H.R. 4718. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, as modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee Report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Crenshaw, Serrano, Tiberi, and Neal.

NAVIGATING THE CLEAN WATER ACT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Navigating the Clean Water Act: Is Water Wet?”. Testimony was heard from Robert W. Perciasepe, Deputy Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

Joint Meetings

POLITICAL PLURALISM IN THE OSCE MEDITERRANEAN PARTNERS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine political pluralism in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Mediterranean Partners, focusing on political developments among the Mediterranean Partners in the years following the popular uprisings that began in late 2010, after receiving testimony from William Roebuck, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Egypt and the Maghreb, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; William B. Taylor, United States Institute of Peace, and Zeinab Abdelkarim, International Foundation for Electoral Systems, both of Washington, DC; and Shibley Telhami, University of Maryland, College Park.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: to hold hearings to examine proposed emergency supplemental request for fiscal year

2015 for unaccompanied children and related matters, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Admiral William E. Gortney, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Northern Command, and Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, General John F. Campbell, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, International Security Assistance Force, and Commander, United States Forces, Afghanistan, and Lieutenant General Joseph L. Votel, USA, to be general and Commander, United States Special Operations Command, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Leslie Ann Bassett, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, and Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador the Republic of Guatemala, both of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 517, to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, S.J. Res. 19, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections, and the nominations of Pamela Harris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Pamela Pepper, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Brenda K. Sannes, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, 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, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing entitled “Implementing the Agricultural Act of 2014: Commodity Policy and Crop Insurance”, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Defense Reform: Empowering Acquisition Success”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled “Cruiser and Destroyer Modernization and Large Surface Combatant Force Structure Assessment”, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3136, the “Advancing Competency-Based Education Demonstration Project Act of 2013”; H.R. 4983, the “Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act”; and H.R. 4984, the “Empowering Students through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade continued markup

on the following legislation: legislation regarding Targeting Rogue and Opaque Letters; H.R. 4450, the “Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2014”; and H.R. 4013, the “Low Volume Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Act of 2014”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Legislation to Reform the Federal Reserve on Its 100-year Anniversary”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Future of International Civilian Nuclear Cooperation”, 9:45 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, “Human Rights Vetting: Nigeria and Beyond”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “The Executive Proclamation Designating the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks a National Monument: Implications for Border Security”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5036, to amend title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions of the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act of 2010; and H.J. Res. 105, Conferring honorary citizenship of the United States on Bernardo de Galvez y Madrid, Viscount of Galveston and Count of Galvez, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining New Embassy Construction: Are New Administration Policies Putting Americans Overseas in Danger?”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements, hearing entitled “Medicare Mismanagement Part II: Exploring Medicare Appeals Reform”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Cash Accounting: A Simpler Method for Small Firms?”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Service should not lead to suicide: Access to VA's Mental Health Care”, 9:15 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 645, “Requesting that the President of the United States transmit to the House of Representatives copies of any emails in the possession of the Executive Office of the President that were transmitted to or from the email account(s) of former Internal Revenue Service Exempt Organizations Division Director Lois Lerner between January 2009 and April 2011”; H. Res. 647, “Directing the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of any emails in the possession of the Department that were transmitted to or from the email account(s) of former Internal Revenue Service Exempt Organizations Division Director Lois Lerner between January 2009 and April 2011”; and H.R. 5021, “Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 10 a.m., 304–HVC. This is a closed hearing.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, July 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, July 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 noon), Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of Shaun L.S. Donovan, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Douglas Alan Silliman, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, and Dana Shell Smith, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar, and vote on confirmation of the nominations at 2 p.m.

The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to S. 2363, Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act is 10:30 a.m., and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments is 11:30 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Continue consideration of H.R. 4923—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.

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