

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4975–S5004

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2670–2674, and S. Res. 524–525. **Page S4997**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1818, to ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. (S. Rept. No. 113–220) **Page S4996**

Measures Passed:

National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 525, designating July 30, 2014, as “National Whistleblower Appreciation Day”. **Pages S5003–04**

Measures Considered:

Bring Jobs Home Act—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of S. 2569, to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Page S4988**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 3693, to change the enactment date. **Page S4988**

Reid Amendment No. 3694 (to Amendment No. 3693), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4988**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3695, to change the enactment date. **Page S4988**

Reid Amendment No. 3696 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 3695), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4988**

Reid Amendment No. 3697 (to Amendment No. 3696), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4988**

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 Wednesday, July 30, 2014. **Page S4988**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2648, making emer-

gency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. **Pages S4988-93**

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 S. 2569, to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America. **Page S4988**

Russian Weapons Embargo Act—Bill Referral: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 2352, to re-impose sanctions on Russian arms exporter Rosoboronexport, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. **Pages S5004, S4996**

Highway and Transportation Funding Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that upon disposition of the nomination of Joan A. Polaschik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 5021, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, under the order of Wednesday, July 23, 2014. **Page S5004**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Treaty Doc. 112–7) (Ex. Rept. 113–12). **Pages S4996–97**

McDonald Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, July 29, 2014, Senate execute the order with respect to the nomination of Robert Alan McDonald, of Ohio, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, with the only debate time occurring from 12 noon until 12:30 p.m., and from 2:15 p.m., until 2:45 p.m., equally divided in the usual form, and that at 2:45 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; with all other provisions of the previous order remaining in effect. **Page S5003**

Andre, Hoza, and Polaschik Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that upon disposition of the nomination of Robert Alan McDonald, of Ohio, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, on Tuesday, July 29, 2014, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Michael Stephen Hoza, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, and Joan A. Polaschik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria; that there be two minutes for debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees prior to each vote; 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 any roll call votes, following the first in the series, be ten minutes in length; that if any nomination is confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; and that no further motions be in order to the nominations. **Page S5003**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 50 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 242), Pamela Harris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. **Pages S4976-87, S5004**

Elliot F. Kaye, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2013.

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Elliot F. Kaye, of New York, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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Joseph P. Mohorovic, of Illinois, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2012.

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Brian P. McKeon, of New York, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Therese W. McMillan, of California, to be Federal Transit Administrator.

Willie E. May, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology.

Thomas Frieden, of New York, to be Representative of the United States on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization.

Perry L. Holloway, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Pamela Leora Spratlen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan. **Page S5004**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—242) **Page S4987**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:13 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 29, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5004.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 5212-5228; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 692 were introduced. **Page H6976**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6977-78**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1771, to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, and

for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–560, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 676, providing for authority to initiate litigation for actions by the President or other executive branch officials inconsistent with their duties under the Constitution of the United States, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–561, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3635, to ensure the functionality and security of new Federal websites that collect personally identifiable information, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–562);

H. Res. 693, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4315) to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–563); and

Conference report on H.R. 3230, making continuing appropriations during a Government shutdown to provide pay and allowances to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who perform inactive-duty training during such period (H. Rept. 113–564). **Page H6975**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Holding to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6863**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:14 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H6864**

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

Transparent Airfares Act of 2014: H.R. 4156, to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow advertisements and solicitations for passenger air transportation to state the base airfare of the transportation; **Pages H6866–68**

William H. Gray III 30th Street Station Designation Act: H.R. 4838, to redesignate the railroad station located at 2955 Market Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, commonly known as “30th Street Station”, as the “William H. Gray III 30th Street Station”; **Pages H6868–70**

Conferring honorary citizenship of the United States on Bernardo de Gálvez y Madrid, Viscount of Galveston and Count of Gálvez: H. J. Res. 105, to confer honorary citizenship of the United States on Bernardo de Gálvez y Madrid, Viscount of Galveston and Count of Gálvez; **Pages H6874–75**

Victims of Child Abuse Act Reauthorization Act: S. 1799, to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990; **Pages H6875–77**

North Korea Sanctions Enforcement Act: H.R. 1771, amended, to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea; **Pages H6877–86**

United States International Communications Reform Act of 2014: H.R. 4490, amended, to enhance the missions, objectives, and effectiveness of United States international communications; **Pages H6886–95**

Essential Transportation Worker Identification Credential Assessment Act: H.R. 3202, amended, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a comprehensive security assessment of the transportation security card program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 400 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 456; **Pages H6895–99, H6938–39**

United States Customs and Border Protection Authorization Act: H.R. 3846, amended, to provide for the authorization of border, maritime, and transportation security responsibilities and functions in the Department of Homeland Security and the establishment of United States Customs and Border Protection; **Pages H6899–H6908**

National Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2014: H.R. 3696, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements regarding cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protection; **Pages H6908–22**

Critical Infrastructure Research and Development Advancement Act: H.R. 2952, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements in the laws relating to the advancement of security technologies for critical infrastructure protection; **Pages H6922–25**

Homeland Security Cybersecurity Boots-on-the-Ground Act: H.R. 3107, amended, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish cybersecurity occupation classifications, assess the cybersecurity workforce, and develop a strategy to address identified gaps in the cybersecurity workforce, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 395 yeas to 8 noes, Roll No. 457; **Pages H6925–28, H6939**

Sunscreen Innovation Act: H.R. 4250, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients; **Pages H6928–33**

Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research and Education Amendments: H.R. 594, amended, to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008; **Pages H6933–35**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Public Health Service Act relating to Federal research on muscular dystrophy, and for other purposes.” **Page H6935**

Safe and Secure Federal Websites Act: H.R. 3635, amended, to ensure the functionality and security of new Federal websites that collect personally identifiable information; and **Pages H6935–36**

Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids and Captain Nicholas J. Rozanski Memorial Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 4919, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 715 Shawan Falls Drive in Dublin, Ohio, as the “Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids and Captain Nicholas J. Rozanski Memorial Post Office”. **Pages H6936–37**

Recess: The House recessed at 6:19 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H6937**

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act: H.R. 935, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 253 yeas to 148 nays, Roll No. 455. **Pages H6870–74, H6937–38**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:20 p.m. and reconvened at 11:26 p.m. **Page H6953**

Motion to Instruct Conferees—Vitiation of Proceedings: Under clause 8 of rule 22, the Chair announced that the filing of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3230 has vitiated the Rahall motion to instruct conferees, which was debated on July 25, 2014, and on which further proceedings had been postponed. **Pages H6953–74**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6937–38, H6938–39, H6939. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 11:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide for recommendations for the development and use of clinical data registries for the improvement of patient care; and H.R. 4067, to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in

critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014. The markup adjourned before any legislation could be considered.

PROTECTING AMERICANS FROM ILLEGAL BAILOUTS AND PLAN CANCELLATIONS UNDER THE PRESIDENT’S HEALTH CARE LAW

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Protecting Americans from Illegal Bailouts and Plan Cancellations Under the President’s Health Care Law”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

21ST CENTURY ENDANGERED SPECIES TRANSPARENCY ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4315, the “21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act”. The committee granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 4315. 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 the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–55 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. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hastings of Washington and Representative Huffman.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D811)

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. Signed on July 22, 2014. (Public Law 113–128)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the economic and budgetary consequences of climate change, focusing on the cost of inaction, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine revisiting the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies (RESTORE) Act, focusing on progress and challenges in Gulf restoration post-*Deepwater Horizon*, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges for improving truck safety on our highways, 3 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine breaking the logjam at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), focusing on ways to more efficiently process permits for energy production on Federal lands, and understanding the obstacles in permitting more energy projects on Federal lands, including S. 279, to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and S. 2440, to expand and extend the program to improve permit coordination by the Bureau of Land Management, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the threats posed by climate change, 2:30 p.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine tobacco, focusing on taxes owed, avoided, and evaded, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine the United States-Korea free trade agreement, focusing on lessons learned two years later, 2:30 p.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Iran, focusing on the status of the P–5+1 negotiations with Iran, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. Res. 502, 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, S. Res. 522, expressing the sense of the Senate supporting the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit to be held in Washington, D.C. from August 4 through 6, 2014, S. Res. 513, honoring the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising, S. Res. 520, condemning the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 and express-

ing condolences to the families of the victims, and the nominations of Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, Jane D. Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco, Kevin F. O'Malley, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Ireland, James D. Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Brent Robert Hartley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, David Pressman, of New York, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, George Albert Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, Allan P. Mustard, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, Erica J. Barks Ruggles, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, and John R. Bass, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, all of the Department of State; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of John Francis Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Donald L. Heflin, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde, Craig B. Allen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, Earl Robert Miller, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, 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, and 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, Stafford Fitzgerald Haney, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, and Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, all of the Department of State, 2:15 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Madeline Cox Arleo, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Victor Allen Bolden, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and David J. Hale, and Gregory N. Stivers, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Rural Development, and Credit, hearing on coordinating future investments in broadband, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Security Situation in Iraq and Syria: U.S. Policy Options and Implications for the Region”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 644, condemning and disapproving of the Obama administration’s failure to comply with the lawful statutory requirement to notify Congress before releasing individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and expressing national security concerns over the release of five Taliban leaders and the repercussions of negotiating with terrorists, 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “FERC Perspectives: Questions Concerning EPA’s Proposed Clean Power Plan and other Grid Reliability Challenges”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Nanotechnology: Understanding How Small Solutions Drive Big Innovation”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 3522, the “Employee Health Care Protection Act”; H.R. 4701, the “Lyme and Tick-borne Diseases Act of 2014”; H.R. 4067, to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014; a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide for recommendations for the development and use of clinical data registries for the improvement of patient care; H.R. 3670, the “Anti-Spoofing Act of 2013”; H.R. 5161, the “E-LABEL Act”; and H.R. 1575, the “Kelsey Smith Act”, 4 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 5018, the “Federal Reserve Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014”; H.R. 4329, the “Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2014”; H.R. 3240, the “Regulation D Study Act”; H.R. 3913, to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 to require agencies to make considerations relating to the promotion of efficiency, competition, and capital formation before issuing or modifying certain regulations; H.R. 4042, the “Community Bank Mortgage Service Asset Capital Requirements Study Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5148, the “Access to Affordable Mortgages Act of 2014”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, joint subcommittee, hearing entitled “The Shootdown of Malaysian Flight 17 and the Escalating Crisis in Ukraine”, 10:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Iran Nuclear Negotiations: From Extension to Final Agreement?”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “Examining TSA’s Management of the Screening Partnership Program”, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, hearing entitled “Protecting the Homeland from Nuclear and Radiological Threats”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing on oversight of U.S. citizenship and immigration services, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 596, the “Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act of 2013”; H.R. 1363, the “Exploring for Geothermal Energy on Federal Lands Act”; and H.R. 2004, the “Geothermal Production Expansion Act of 2013”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 445, the “National Heritage Area Act of 2013”; H.R. 1785, the “Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area Act”; H.R. 4119, the “West Hunter Street Baptist Church Study Act”; H.R. 4901, the “Advancing Conservation and Education Act of 2014”; H.R. 4979, the “Red River Private Property Protection Act”; H.R. 5086, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; S. 311, the “Lower Mississippi River Area Study Act”; S. 476, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission; and S. 609, the “San Juan County Federal Land Conveyance Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 3608, the “Grand Portage Band Per Capita Adjustment Act”; H.R. 4534, the “Native American Children’s Safety Act”; H.R. 5020, the “Indian Tribal Self-Determination in Land Consolidation Act of 2014”; H.R. 5049, the “Blackfoot River Land Exchange Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5050, the “May 31, 1918 Act Repeal Act”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “Examining Allegations of Corruption at the Export-Import Bank”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements, hearing entitled “Examining the Federal Government’s Failure to Curb Wasteful State Medicaid Financing Schemes”, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Federal Real Property: Eliminating Waste and Mismanagement of Real Property Assets”, 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H. Res. 676, providing for authority to initiate litigation for actions by the President or other executive branch officials inconsistent with their duties under the Constitution of the United States, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled "Review of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on what workers need to know about Social Security as they plan for retirement, 11 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on trade with Africa and the African Growth and Opportunity Act, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine increasing economic opportunity for African Americans, focusing on local initiatives that are making a difference, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 29 through August 1, 2014

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at 12 noon, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Robert Alan McDonald, of Ohio, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

At 2:45 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Robert Alan McDonald, of Ohio, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Michael Stephen Hoza, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, and Joan A. Polaschik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

Upon disposition of the nomination of Joan A. Polaschik, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 5021, Highway and Transportation Funding Act, with votes on or in relation to the bill.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: July 30, to receive a closed briefing on the situation in Ukraine, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: July 30, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine flood insurance claims process in communities after Sandy, focusing on lessons learned and potential improvements, 10 a.m., SD-538.

July 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine financial products for students, focusing on issues and challenges, 10 a.m., SD-538.

July 31, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office report on expectations of government support for bank holding companies, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: July 29, to hold hearings to examine the economic and budgetary consequences of climate change, focusing on the cost of inaction, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: July 29, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine revisiting the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies (RESTORE) Act, focusing on progress and challenges in Gulf restoration post-*Deepwater Horizon*, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

July 29, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges for improving truck safety on our highways, 3 p.m., SR-253.

July 30, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine domestic challenges and global competition in aviation manufacturing, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

July 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine wireless phone bills, focusing on a review of consumer protection practices and gaps, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: July 29, to hold hearings to examine breaking the logjam at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), focusing on ways to more efficiently process permits for energy production on Federal lands, and understanding the obstacles in permitting more energy projects on Federal lands, including S. 279, to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and S. 2440, to expand and extend the program to improve permit coordination by the Bureau of Land Management, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

July 30, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 1049 and H.R. 2166, bills to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal lands under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, S. 1437, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed in 1954 by the United States, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to the State of Oregon for the establishment of the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center of Oregon State University in Hermiston, Oregon, S. 1554, to direct the heads of Federal public land management agencies to prepare reports on the availability of public access and egress to Federal public land for hunting, fishing, and other recreational purposes, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide funding for recreational public access to Federal land, S. 1605, for the relief of Michael G. Faber, S. 1640, to facilitate planning,

permitting, administration, implementation, and monitoring of pinyon-juniper dominated landscape restoration projects within Lincoln County, Nevada, S. 1888 and H.R. 1241, bills to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, S. 2123, to authorize the exchange of certain Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Minnesota, S. 2616, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Idaho County in the State of Idaho, H.R. 1684, to convey certain property to the State of Wyoming to consolidate the historic Ranch A, and H.R. 3008, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in Los Padres National Forest in California, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: July 29, Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the threats posed by climate change, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

July 30, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1463, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, the nominations of Jane Toshiko Nishida, of Maryland, and Ann Elizabeth Dunkin, of California, both to be an Assistant Administrator, and Manuel H. Ehrlich, Jr., of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, Corps of Engineers Study Resolution relating to San Francisco Bay to Stockton Navigation Channels, California, and General Services Administration resolutions, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Finance: July 29, to hold hearings to examine tobacco, focusing on taxes owed, avoided, and evaded, 10 a.m., SD-215.

July 29, Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine the United States-Korea free trade agreement, focusing on lessons learned two years later, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

July 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine "The African Growth and Opportunity Act" at 14, focusing on the road ahead; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider the nominations of Robert W. Holleyman II, of Louisiana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, 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, Maria Cancian, of Wisconsin, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Family Support, and Cary Douglas Pugh, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, 2 p.m., SD-215.

July 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Carolyn Watts Colvin, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: July 29, to hold hearings to examine Iran, focusing on the status of the P-5+1 negotiations with Iran, 10 a.m., SD-419.

July 29, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. Res. 502, 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, S. Res. 522, expressing the sense of the Senate supporting the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit to be held in Washington, D.C. from August 4 through 6, 2014, S. Res. 513, honoring the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising, S. Res. 520, condemning the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 and expressing condolences to the families of the victims, and the nominations of Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, Jane D. Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco, Kevin F. O'Malley, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Ireland, James D. Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Brent Robert Hartley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, David Pressman, of New York, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, George Albert Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, Allan P. Mustard, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, Erica J. Barks Ruggles, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, and John R. Bass, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, all of the Department of State; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of John Francis Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Donald L. Heflin, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde, Craig B. Allen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, Earl Robert Miller, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, 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, and 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, Stafford Fitzgerald Haney, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, and Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, all of the Department of State, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

July 31, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: July 30, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine paid family leave, focusing on the benefits for businesses and working families, 10:15 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: July 30, business meeting to consider H.R. 4007, to recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program, S. 1618, to enhance the Office of Personnel Management background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of employees and contractors of the Federal Government, S. 1347, to provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government sponsored conferences, S. 1396, to authorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency to award mitigation financial assistance in certain areas affected by wild-fire, S. 2640, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, S. 2547, to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, S. 2323, to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service, S. 2664, Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Authorization Act of 2014, S. 2651, DHS OIG Mandates Revision Act of 2014, H.R. 4197, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the period of certain authority with respect to judicial review of Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers, S. 2665, Emergency Information Improvement Act of 2014, S. 1898, to require adequate information regarding the tax treatment of payments under settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies, S. 2247, to prohibit the awarding of a contract or grant in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold unless the prospective contractor or grantee certifies in writing to the agency awarding the contract or grant that the contractor or grantee has no seriously delinquent tax debts, H.R. 606, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the "Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building", H.R. 1671, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6937 Village Parkway in Dublin, California, as the "James 'Jim' Kohnen Post Office", H.R. 2291, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, as the "Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office", H.R. 3472, 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", H.R. 3765, 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

nominations of Joseph L. Nimmich, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, Anne E. Rung, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, and James C. Miller, III, of Virginia, Stephen Crawford, of Maryland, David Michael Bennett, of North Carolina, and Victoria Reggie Kennedy, of Massachusetts, all to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: July 30, business meeting to consider S. 1948, to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program, S. 2299, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to reauthorize a provision to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages, 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 H.R. 4002, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine responses to natural disasters in Indian country, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: July 29, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Madeline Cox Arleo, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Victor Allen Bolden, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and David J. Hale, and Gregory N. Stivers, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

July 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the next steps for the "Violence Against Women Act" (VAWA), focusing on protecting women from gun violence, 10 a.m., SD-106.

July 30, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine pricing policies and competition in the contact lens industry, 2:15 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: July 29, closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: July 30, to hold hearings to examine the impact of Medicare observation status on seniors, 2:15 p.m., SR-418.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, July 30, Subcommittee on Horticulture, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review the impact of enforcement activities by the Department of Labor on specialty crop growers, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, July 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Risks to Stability in Afghanistan: Politics, Security, and International Commitment”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled “Logistics and Sealift Force Requirements and Force Structure Assessment”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, July 30, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 3522, the “Employee Health Care Protection Act”; H.R. 4701, the “Lyme and Tick-borne Diseases Act of 2014”; H.R. 4067, to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014; a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide for recommendations for the development and use of clinical data registries for the improvement of patient care; H.R. 3670, the “Anti-Spoofing Act of 2013”; H.R. 5161, the “E-LABEL Act”; and H.R. 1575, the “Kelsey Smith Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “PPACA Implementation: Updates from CMS and GAO”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, July 30, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Allegations of Discrimination and Retaliation and the CFPB Management Culture”, 3:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, July 30, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3398, to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes; H.R. 5041, the “Naftali Fraenkel Rewards for Justice Act of 2014”; H.R. 5206, to allow Foreign Service and other executive agency employees to designate beneficiaries of their death benefits; a bill to authorize further assistance to Israel for the Iron Dome anti-missile defense system; H. Res. 281, expressing concern over persistent and credible reports of systematic, state-sanctioned organ harvesting from non-consenting prisoners of conscience, in the People’s Republic of China, including from large numbers of Falun Gong practitioners imprisoned for their religious beliefs, and members of other religious and ethnic minority groups; and H. Res. 683, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the current situation in Iraq and the urgent need to protect religious minorities from persecution from the Sunni Islamist insurgent and terrorist group the Islamic State in Iraq and Levant (ISIL) as it expands its control over areas in northwestern Iraq, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Building Prosperity in Latin America: Investor Confidence in the Rule of Law”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “Twenty-Years of U.S. Policy on North Korea: From Agreed Framework to Strategic Patience”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, July 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The IRS Targeting Scandal: The Need for a Special Counsel”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on The Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing on oversight of the False Claims Act, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, hearing entitled “The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: The America Invents Act and Beyond, Domestic and International Policy Goals”, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, July 30, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.J. Res. 120, approving the location of a memorial to commemorate the more than 5,000 slaves and free Black persons who fought for independence in the American Revolution; H.R. 361, the “Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act”; H.R. 3006, to authorize a land exchange involving the acquisition of private land adjacent to the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona for inclusion in the refuge in exchange for certain Bureau of Land Management lands in Riverside County, California, and for other purposes; H.R. 3109, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts, and for other purposes; H.R. 4119, the “West Hunter Street Baptist Church Study Act”; H.R. 4182, to provide that the Ozark National Scenic Riverways shall be administered in accordance with the general management plan for that unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 4867, the “Economic Development Through Tribal Land Exchange Act”; H.R. 5026, the “Fish Hatchery Protection Act”; H.R. 5069, the “Federal Duck Stamp Act of 2014”; H.R. 5203, the “Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission Reform Act”; H.R. 5204, the “Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Modernization Act of 2014”; H.R. 5205, the “Northern Nevada Land Conservation and Economic Development Act”; S. 311, the “Lower Mississippi River Area Study Act”; S. 354, the “Oregon Caves Revitalization Act of 2013”; S. 476, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission; and S. 1603, the “Gun Lake Trust Land Reaffirmation Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, July 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled “IRS Abuses: Ensuring that Targeting Never Happens Again”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Planes, Trains and Automobiles: Operating While Stoned”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 31, Full Committee, markup on pending legislation, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, July 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled “EPA’s Carbon Plan: Failure by Design”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Oversight, joint subcommittee

hearing entitled “Technology Needed to Secure America’s Border”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, July 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Regulatory Overreach: Is EPA Meeting Its Small Business Obligations?”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Health and Technology, hearing entitled “Telemedicine: A Prescription for Small Medical Practices?”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, July 30, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “GSA Tenant Agencies: Challenges and Opportunities in Reducing Costs of Leased Space”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, July 30, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on dynamic analysis

of the Tax Reform Act of 2014, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

July 30, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on subsidized jobs programs and their effectiveness in helping families escape poverty, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, July 31, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: July 29, to hold hearings to examine increasing economic opportunity for African Americans, focusing on local initiatives that are making a difference, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, July 29

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, July 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 noon), Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Robert Alan McDonald, of Ohio, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

At 2:45 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Robert Alan McDonald, of Ohio, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Michael Stephen Hoza, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, and Joan A. Polaschik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

Upon disposition of the nomination of Joan A. Polaschik, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 5021, Highway and Transportation Funding Act, with votes on or in relation to the bill.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of H.R. 4315—21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of the following measures under suspension of the rules: 1) H.R. 4709—Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act of 2014, as amended; 2) H.R. 4626—SAFE Act Confidentiality and Privilege Enhancement Act; 3) H.R. 5062—Examination and Supervisory Privilege Parity Act of 2014; 4) H.R. 4809—To reauthorize the Defense Production Act, to improve the Defense Production Act Committee, and for other purposes, as amended; and 5) H.R. 3896—To amend the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act to provide a definition of recreational vessel.

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