

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5075–S5158

Measures Introduced: Twenty-eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2686–2713, and S. Res. 529–530. **Pages S5134–35**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S.J. Res. 19, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections. (S. Rept. No. 113–223)

S. 2132, to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–224) **Page S5133**

Measures Considered:

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2648, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014.

Pages S5075–76, S5083–90

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

By 63 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 250), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5083**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 31, 2014; with the time until 10 a.m. equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, and with Senator Sessions controlling the time from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., and the Majority controlling the time from 11 a.m. to 12 noon; and that the time during adjournment count post-cloture. **Page S5157**

Bring Jobs Home Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 2569, to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America, taking action on the following motion and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5076–80, S5080–83**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 3693, to change the enactment date. **Page S5076**

Reid Amendment No. 3694 (to Amendment No. 3693), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5076**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3695, to change the enactment date. **Page S5076**

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

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Reid Amendment No. 3697 (to Amendment No. 3696), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5076**

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

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 249), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S5082**

Pryor Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jill A. Pryor, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit. **Page S5080**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, August 1, 2014. **Page S5080**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Cynthia H. Akuetteh, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe. **Pages S5083, S5158**

Erika Elizabeth Moritsugu, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. **Pages S5083, S5158**

Richard A. Kennedy, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring May 30, 2016. **Pages S5083, S5158**

Messages from the House: **Page S5131**

Measures Referred: **Page S5131**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S5075, S5131**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—250)	Pages S5082–83

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 31, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5157.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jessie Hill Roberson, of Alabama, and Daniel J. Santos, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and 2,132 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

UKRAINE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on the situation in Ukraine from Derek H. Chollet, Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, Don DeLeon, Senior Defense Intelligence Expert for Russia/Eurasia, Defense Intelligence Agency, and Vice Admiral Frank Pandolfe, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, J–5, Joint Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

FLOOD INSURANCE CLAIMS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine the flood insurance claims process in communities after Sandy, focusing on lessons learned and potential improvements, after receiving testimony from Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Donald L. Griffin, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America, Chicago, Illinois; and Maryann Flanigan, Legal Services of New Jersey Hurricane Sandy Legal Assistance Project, Edison.

WIRELESS PHONE BILLS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine wireless phone bills, focusing on a review of consumer protection practices and gaps, after receiving testimony from Terrell McSweeney, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Travis LeBlanc, Acting Chief, Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; Vermont Attorney General William H. Sorrell, Montpelier; and Michael F. Altschul, CTIA—The Wireless Association, Washington, DC.

PUBLIC LANDS, FORESTS, AND MINING BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Ed Roberson, Assistant Director, Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and Gregory Smith, Acting Associate

Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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;

Corps of Engineers Study Resolution relating to San Francisco Bay to Stockton Navigation Channels, California;

General Services Administration resolutions; and

The nominations of Jane Toshiko Nishida, of Maryland, and Ann Elizabeth Dunkin, of California, both to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Manuel H. Ehrlich, Jr., of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation.

THE AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine “The African Growth and Opportunity Act” at 14, focusing on the road ahead, after receiving testimony from Michael Froman, Ambassador, United States Trade Representative.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

H.R. 4007, to recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1347, to provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government sponsored conferences, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2640, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations;

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. 2651, to repeal certain mandates of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance;

S. 1898, to require adequate information regarding the tax treatment of payments under settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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.

PAID FAMILY LEAVE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing to examine paid family leave, focusing on the benefits for businesses and working families, after receiving testimony from Jeannine Sato, Durham Connects, Durham, North Carolina; Victoria S.

Shabo, National Partnership for Women and Families, Washington, DC; Kevin Trapani, The Redwoods Group, Morrisville, North Carolina; and Maryella Gockel, Ernst and Young LLP, Secaucus, New Jersey.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment;

S. 2479, to provide for a land conveyance in the State of Nevada, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 4002, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe.

NATURAL DISASTERS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine responses to natural disasters in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth Zimmerman, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Governor J. Michael Chavarria,

Santa Clara Pueblo, Espanola, New Mexico; Ronda Metcalf, Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribal Council, Darrington, Washington; Matt Gregory, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Durant; Mary David, Kawerak, Inc., Nome, Alaska; and Jake Heflin, Tribal Emergency Management Association, Reno, Nevada.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the next steps for the “Violence Against Women Act” (VAWA), focusing on protecting women from gun violence, including S. 1290, to protect victims of stalking from gun violence, and S. 2483, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, after receiving testimony from Seamus McCaffery, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Justice, Harrisburg; Jacquelyn Campbell, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, Baltimore, Maryland; Joyce Lee Malcolm, George Mason University School of Law, Arlington, Virginia; Christopher Schmaling, Racine County Sheriff, Racine, Wisconsin; and Elvin Daniel, McHenry, Illinois.

CONTACT LENS INDUSTRY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine pricing policies and competition in the contact lens industry, after receiving testimony from R. Joe Zeidner, 1-800 CONTACTS, Draper, Utah; Millicent L. Knight, Johnson and Johnson Vision Care Inc., Jacksonville, Florida; David A. Cockrell, American Optometric Association, Stillwater, Oklahoma; and George Slover, Consumers Union, Washington, DC.

MEDICARE OBSERVATION STATUS ON SENIORS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of Medicare observation status on seniors, after receiving testimony from Ann M. Sheehy, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Madison, on behalf of the Society of Hospital Medicine; Bob Armstrong, St. Mary’s Health System, Lewiston, Maine; Marna Borgstrom, Yale-New Haven Health System, New Haven, Connecticut; Toby S. Edelman, Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts; and Sylvia C. Engler, Framingham, Massachusetts.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 47 public bills, H.R. 5255–5301; 1 private bill, H.R. 5302; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 111; and H. Res. 695, 697–698 were introduced. **Pages H7124–27**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7128–29**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 696, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5230) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5272) to prohibit certain actions with respect to deferred action for aliens not lawfully present in the United States, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (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, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–567). **Page H7123**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Stewart to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7043**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7053**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Alphonso Jackson, Second Baptist Church of Richmond Heights, Miami, Florida. **Page H7053**

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

Emergency Afghan Allies Extension Act of 2014: H.R. 5195, amended, to provide additional visas for the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program; **Pages H7070–74**

Denouncing the use of civilians as human shields by Hamas and other terrorist organizations in violation of international humanitarian law: H. Con. Res. 107, amended, to denounce the use of civilians as human shields by Hamas and other terrorist organizations in violation of international humanitarian law; and **Pages H7074–78**

Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2014: Conference Report to accompany H.R. 3230, to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 420 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 467. **Pages H7078–85, H7086–87**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of our brave men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our country in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in our armed forces and their families. **Page H7086**

Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make certain corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3230: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Con. Res. 111, to direct the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make certain corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3230. **Page H7087**

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: The House agreed to H. Res. 676, to provide 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, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 225 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 468. **Pages H7058–70, H7085–86, H7087–89**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment recommended by the Committee on Rules now printed in the resolution shall be considered as adopted. **Page H7087**

H. Res. 694, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 676) and the bill (H.R. 935), was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 227 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 466, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 227 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 465. **Pages H7085–86**

Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act: The House began consideration of 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. Consideration is expected to continue tomorrow, July 31st. **Pages H7100–08**

H. Res. 694, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 676) and the bill (H.R. 935), was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 227 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 466, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 227 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 465. **Pages H7085–86**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, July 31st. **Page H7108**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:51 p.m. and reconvened at 11:38 p.m. **Page H7123**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H7053.

Senate Referral: S. 2577 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H7123**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7085, H7086, H7086–87, H7099. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IMPACT OF ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ON SPECIALTY CROP GROWERS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Horticulture, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review the impact of enforcement activities by the Department of Labor on specialty crop growers. Testimony was heard from David Weil, Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor; and Brad Avakian, Commissioner, Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries.

RISKS TO STABILITY IN AFGHANISTAN: POLITICS, SECURITY, AND INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Risks to Stability in Afghanistan: Politics, Security, and International Commitment”. Testimony was heard from Catherine Dale, Specialist in International Security, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

LOGISTICS AND SEALIFT FORCE REQUIREMENTS AND FORCE STRUCTURE ASSESSMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Logistics and Sealift Force Requirements and Force Structure Assessment”. Testimony was heard from VADM William A. Brown, Deputy Commander, U.S. Transportation Command; F. Scott DiLisio, Director, Strategic Mobility/Combat Logistics Division, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO–N42); and Paul N. Jaenichen, Sr., Acting Maritime Administrator, Department of Transportation Maritime Administration.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee resumed a 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; H.R. 5214, 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”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 3670, H.R. 1575, H.R. 5214, and H.R. 4701. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 5161, H.R. 4067, and H.R. 3522.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee resumed a 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. 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”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4042, H.R. 4329, and H.R. 5018. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 5148 and H.R. 3913.

ALLEGATIONS OF DISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION AND THE CFPB MANAGEMENT CULTURE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Allegations of Discrimination and Retaliation and the CFPB Management Culture”. Testimony was heard from Richard Cordray, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3398, the “Girls Count Act of 2014”; H.R. 5041, the “Naftali Fraenkel Rewards for Justice Act of 2014”; H.R. 5235, the “Emergency Iron Dome Replenishment Act”; 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. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 3398, H.R. 5041, H.R. 5235, H. Res. 281, and H. Res. 683.

BUILDING PROSPERITY IN LATIN AMERICA: INVESTOR CONFIDENCE IN THE RULE OF LAW

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled "Building Prosperity in Latin America: Investor Confidence in the Rule of Law". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TWENTY-YEARS OF U.S. POLICY ON NORTH KOREA: FROM AGREED FRAMEWORK TO STRATEGIC PATIENCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled "Twenty-Years of U.S. Policy on North Korea: From Agreed Framework to Strategic Patience". Testimony was heard from Glyn Davies, Special Representative for North Korea Policy, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Robert King, Special Envoy for North Korean Human Rights, Office of the Special Envoy for Human Rights in North Korea, Department of State.

THE IRS TARGETING SCANDAL: THE NEED FOR A SPECIAL COUNSEL

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The IRS Targeting Scandal: The Need for a Special Counsel". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FALSE CLAIMS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice held a hearing on oversight of the False Claims Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Grassley; and public witnesses.

THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE: THE AMERICA INVENTS ACT AND BEYOND, DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL POLICY GOALS

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

entitled "The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: The America Invents Act and Beyond, Domestic and International Policy Goals". Testimony was heard from Michelle K. Lee, Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a 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". The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 361, H.R. 3006, H.R. 4119, H.R. 4867, H.R. 5069, H.R. 5203, and H.R. 5205. The following legislation was ordered reported, without amendment: H. J. Res. 120, H.R. 3109, H.R. 4182, H.R. 5026, H.R. 5204, S. 311, S. 354, S. 476, and S. 1603.

IRS ABUSES: ENSURING THAT TARGETING NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “IRS Abuses: Ensuring that Targeting Never Happens Again”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE “HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ACT OF 2014”; TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO DEFERRED ACTION FOR ALIENS NOT LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5230, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; Senate amendment to H.R. 5021, the “Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5272, to prohibit certain actions with respect to deferred action for aliens not lawfully present in the United States, and for other purposes. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a closed rule for H.R. 5230. The rule provides one hour of 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 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. In section 2, the rule provides that after passage of H.R. 5230 and on the legislative day of July 31, 2014, the House shall consider H.R. 5272, to prohibit certain actions with respect to deferred action for aliens not lawfully present in the United States, and for other purposes, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. In section 3, the rule provides for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 5021. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure or his designee that the House disagree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 5021. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion and provides that the Senate amendment and the motion

shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. In section 4, the rule provides that any motion pursuant to clause 4 of rule XXII relating to H.R. 5021 may be offered only by the Majority Leader or his designee. In section 5, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of July 31, 2014, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. In section 6, the rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported from the Rules Committee through the legislative day of July 31, 2014. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rogers of Kentucky and the following Representatives: Granger, Lowey, Farr, Fattah, King of Iowa, Lummis, Lofgren, Castro of Texas, Kelly of Illinois, Jackson Lee, Tierney, and Lee of California.

EPA’S CARBON PLAN: FAILURE BY DESIGN

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “EPA’s Carbon Plan: Failure by Design”. Testimony was heard from David Cash, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality; and public witnesses.

REGULATORY OVERREACH: IS EPA MEETING ITS SMALL BUSINESS OBLIGATIONS?

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Regulatory Overreach: Is EPA Meeting Its Small Business Obligations?”. Testimony was heard from Bob Perciasepe, Deputy Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

GSA TENANT AGENCIES: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN REDUCING COSTS OF LEASED SPACE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “GSA Tenant Agencies: Challenges and Opportunities in Reducing Costs of Leased Space”. Testimony was heard from Norman Dong, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; Joyce Barr, Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of State; Michael H. Allen, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Policy, Management and Planning, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice; Jeffery Orner, Chief

Readiness Support Officer, Department of Homeland Security; E.J. Holland, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; William E. Brazis, Director, Washington Headquarters Service, Department of Defense; and Peter Spencer, Deputy Commissioner of Budget, Finance, Quality and Management, Social Security Administration.

DYNAMIC ANALYSIS OF THE TAX REFORM ACT OF 2014

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on dynamic analysis of the Tax Reform Act of 2014. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SUBSIDIZED JOBS PROGRAMS AND THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IN HELPING FAMILIES ESCAPE POVERTY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on subsidized jobs programs and their effectiveness in helping families escape poverty. Testimony was heard from Amy Dvorak, Employer Relations Coordinator, New York State/Erie County Department of Social Services; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine financial products for students, focusing on issues and challenges, 10 a.m., SD-538.

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 Commerce, Science, and Transportation: 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.

Committee on Finance: 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, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

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.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “PPACA Implementation: Updates from CMS and GAO”, 9:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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

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

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 647, the “Able Act of 2013”, 10:15 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, markup on final HPSCI Investigative Report on the September 2012 Attacks in Benghazi, Libya, 8:30 a.m., HVC-304. A portion of the meeting will close.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 31

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, July 31

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2648, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, post-cloture.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 5230—Making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014 (Subject to a Rule), H.R. 5272—To prohibit certain actions with respect to deferred action for aliens not lawfully present in the United States (Subject to a Rule), and the Senate amendment to H.R. 5021—Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014 (Subject to a Rule). Complete consideration of H.R. 935—Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act.

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