

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5573–S5594

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2802–2811, and S. Res. 544–545. **Page S5588**

Measures Reported:

S. 921, to amend chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the rental of motor vehicles that contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety. (S. Rept. No. 113–253)

S. 1406, to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–254)

S. 1925, to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–255)

S. 2521, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to provide for reform to Federal information security. (S. Rept. No. 113–256)

S. 1535, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5588**

Measures Passed:

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity and the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5134, to extend the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity and the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for one year, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5592**

International Year of Family Farming: Senate agreed to S. Res. 544, designating the year of 2014 as the “International Year of Family Farming”. **Page S5592**

Measures Considered:

Federal Student Loans: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2432,

to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans. **Pages S5573–74**

Paycheck Fairness Act: By 52 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 262), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on S. 2199, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex. **Pages S5579–80**

Baran Nomination—Cloture: By 52 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 263), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. **Page S5580**

Burns Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Stephen G. Burns, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. **Pages S5580–82**

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

By 54 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 264), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S5580–81**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following the vote on confirmation of the nomination of Stephen G. Burns, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Linda A. Schwartz, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning), Matthew T. Harrington, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, 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, Nina Hachigian, of California, to be Representative of the United States of

America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and Gordon O. Tanner, of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force; 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 10 minutes in length; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Page S5592**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert M. Scher, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Benjamin L. Cardin, of Maryland, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Ronald H. Johnson, of Wisconsin, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Isobel Coleman, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador.

Isobel Coleman, of New York, as an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform.

Carol Leslie Hamilton, of California, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Leslie Berger Kiernan, of Maryland, as an Alternate Representative of the United States of America, to the Sixty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2019.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S5592–94**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Debo P. Adegbile, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 2014.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Messages from the House: **Page S5585**

Measures Referred: **Page S5585**

Executive Communications: **Pages S5585–88**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5592**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—264) **Pages S5580–81**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5592.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DC STATEHOOD

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine equality for the District of Columbia, focusing on discussing the implications of S. 132, to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union, after receiving testimony from Representative Norton; and Mayor Vincent C. Gray, Phil Mendelson, Council of the District of Columbia Chairman, Paul Strauss and Michael D. Brown, both a United States (Shadow) Senator, Viet D. Dinh, Bancroft PLLC, Alice M. Rivlin, The Brookings Institution, Wade Henderson, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, and Roger Pilon, Cato Institute Center for Constitutional Studies, all of Washington, DC.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 2, 4, 5461–5474; 3 resolutions, H. Res. 723–725 were introduced. **Pages H7527–28**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7529–30**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3593, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the construction of major medical facilities, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–586);

H.R. 4771, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to more effectively regulate anabolic steroids, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–587, Pt. 1);

H.R. 4771, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to more effectively regulate anabolic steroids, with an amendment (Rept. 113–587, Pt. 2);

H.R. 5108, to establish the Law School Clinic Certification Program of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–588);

S. 476, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission (H. Rept. 113–589);

S. 1603, to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Ben-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–590);

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, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–591);

H.R. 4119, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–592);

H.R. 5205, to authorize certain land conveyances involving public lands in northern Nevada to promote economic development and conservation, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–593);

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. Rept. 113–594);

H.R. 3606, to permit certain activities to be conducted on Federal land within the Emigrant Wilderness of Stanislaus National Forest in the State of California at the level at which such activities were conducted on such land before the wilderness designation, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–595);

H.R. 2158, to exempt from the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 the expedited removal from the United States of certain snake species, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–596);

H.R. 4350, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take lands and mineral rights on the reservation of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana and other culturally important lands into trust, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–597);

H.R. 4276, to extend and modify a pilot program on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–598);

H.R. 2996, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–599, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 722, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H. J. Res. 124) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–600). **Page H7527**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7457**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H7458**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H7459**

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

Designer Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2014: H.R. 4771, amended, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to more effectively regulate anabolic steroids; **Pages H7459–61**

Requiring the Secretary of the Interior to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States: H.R. 83, amended, to require the Secretary of the Interior to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and

the Freely Associated States through the development of action plans aimed at reducing reliance on imported fossil fuels and increasing use of indigenous clean-energy resources; **Pages H7462–64**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To require the Secretary of the Interior to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States through the development of energy action plans aimed at promoting access to affordable, reliable energy, including increasing use of indigenous clean-energy resources, and for other purposes.” **Page H7464**

Approving the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi: H.R. 3044, to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi; **Pages H7464–65**

Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014: S. 1086, amended, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990; **Pages H7465–81**

Establishing the Law School Clinic Certification Program of the United States Patent and Trademark Office: H.R. 5108, amended, to establish the Law School Clinic Certification Program of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 327 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 497; **Pages H7481–83, H7485–86**

Authorizing a land exchange involving the acquisition of private land adjacent to the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge: H.R. 3006, amended, 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; **Pages H7483–84**

Northern Nevada Land Conservation and Economic Development Act: H.R. 5205, amended, to authorize certain land conveyances involving public lands in northern Nevada to promote economic development and conservation; **Pages H7486–92**

Upper Missisquoi and Trout Wild and Scenic Rivers Act: H.R. 2569, amended, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Missisquoi River and the Trout River in the State of Vermont, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; **Pages H7492–94**

Flushing Remonstrance Study Act: H.R. 3222, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the 1657 signing of the Flushing Remonstrance in Queens, New York; **Pages H7494–95**

West Hunter Street Baptist Church Study Act: H.R. 4119, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia; **Pages H7495–97**

American Savings Promotion Act: H.R. 3374, amended, to provide for the use of savings promotion raffle products by financial institutions to encourage savings; **Pages H7504–06**

Boys Town Centennial Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 2866, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town; and **Pages H7506–08**

Revitalize American Manufacturing and Innovation Act: H.R. 2996, amended, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation. **Pages H7515–24**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:27 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H7485**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Emergency Medical Services for Children Reauthorization Act of 2014: S. 2154, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program; **Pages H7461–62**

Amending the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission: S. 476, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission; **Pages H7484–85**

Gun Lake Trust Land Reaffirmation Act: S. 1603, to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians; **Page H7485**

Promoting Job Creation and Reducing Small Business Burdens Act: H.R. 5405, amended, to make technical corrections to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, to enhance the ability of small and emerging growth companies to access capital through public and private markets, and to reduce regulatory burdens; and **Pages H7497–H7504**

Clarifying the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: H.R. 5461, to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and to improve upon the definitions

provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction. **Pages H7508–15**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7459.

Senate Referral: S. 2258 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H7486. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION, 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.J. Res. 124, the “Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2015”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.J. Res. 124. 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 joint resolution. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the joint resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution, as amended. The rule makes in order only the further amendment printed in part B of the report, if offered by Representative McKeon of California or his designee, which shall be considered as read, shall be separately debatable for six hours equally divided and controlled by Representative McKeon of California and Representative Smith of Washington or their respective designees, 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 amendment printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule amends House Resolution 567 with a new paragraph clarifying that paragraphs (f)(1) through (f)(12) of clause 4 of rule XI shall be considered to be written rules adopted by the Select Committee on Benghazi. Testimony was heard from the following: Chairman Rogers of Kentucky and Representatives Lowey and Thornberry.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, with the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, to hold a joint hearing to examine Ebola in West Africa, focusing on a global challenge and public health threat, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States policy towards Iraq and Syria and the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), 9:30 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the state of small depository institutions, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold an oversight hearing to examine oversight of and policy considerations for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine retirement savings 2.0, focusing on updating savings policy for the modern economy, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine the Children’s Health Insurance Program, focusing on protecting America’s children and families, 2:45 p.m., SD–215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: with the Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold a joint hearing to examine Ebola in West Africa, focusing on a global challenge and public health threat, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine harnessing the power of telehealth, focusing on promises and challenges, 2 p.m., SD–562.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2, the “American Energy Solutions for Lower Costs and More American Jobs Act”; and H.R. 4, the “Jobs for America Act”, 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 16 through September 19, 2014

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Stephen G.

Burns, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Following the vote on confirmation of the nomination of Stephen G. Burns, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of Linda A. Schwartz, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning), Matthew T. Harrington, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, 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, Nina Hachigian, of California, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and Gordon O. Tanner, of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, and vote on confirmation of the nominations.

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 Appropriations: September 16, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, with the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, to hold a joint hearing to examine Ebola in West Africa, focusing on a global challenge and public health threat, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Armed Services: September 16, to hold hearings to examine United States policy towards Iraq and Syria and the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), 9:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 16, to hold hearings to examine the state of small depository institutions, 10 a.m., SD-538.

September 17, Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine the impact of rising inequality on the American economy, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

September 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine assessing and enhancing protections in consumer financial services, 11 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 16, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold an oversight hearing to examine oversight of and policy considerations for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

September 17, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2338, to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, S. 2482, to implement the Convention

on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, S. 2484, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, S. 2485, to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted at Lisbon on September 28, 2007, S. 2581, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, S. 2583, to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, S. 2759, to release the City of St. Clair, Missouri, from all restrictions, conditions, and limitations on the use, encumbrance, conveyance, and closure of the St. Clair Regional Airport, S. 2777, to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, S. 2799, to extend the authority of satellite carriers to retransmit certain television broadcast station signals, and the nominations of Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Manson K. Brown, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 18, business meeting to consider GSA resolutions, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Finance: September 16, to hold hearings to examine retirement savings 2.0, focusing on updating savings policy for the modern economy, 10 a.m., SD-215.

September 16, Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine the Children's Health Insurance Program, focusing on protecting America's children and families, 2:45 p.m., SD-215.

September 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine reforming America's outdated energy tax code, 10:15 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 17, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert Francis Cekuta, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Richard M. Mills, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Jess Lippincott Baily, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, and Margaret Ann Uyehara, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Montenegro, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

September 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the United States strategy to defeat the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

September 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Ukraine Freedom Support Act", S. 2778, to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$10,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of James Foley and Steven Sotloff, S. Res. 530, expressing the sense of the Senate 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,

formerly known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), as it expands its control over areas in northwestern Iraq, S. Res. 541, recognizing the severe threat that the Ebola outbreak in West Africa poses to populations, governments, and economies across Africa and, if not properly contained, to regions across the globe, and expressing support for those affected by this epidemic, S. Res. 540, recognizing September 15, 2014, as the International Day of Democracy, affirming the role of civil society as a cornerstone of democracy, and encouraging all governments to stand with civil society in the face of mounting restrictions on civil society organizations, and the nominations of 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, Stafford Fitzgerald Haney, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Earl Robert Miller, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, William V. Roebuck, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Judith Beth Cefkin, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu, Barbara A. Leaf, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Pamela Leora Spratlen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, and a list in the Foreign Service, 2 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 16, with the Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold a joint hearing to examine Ebola in West Africa, focusing on a global challenge and public health threat, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

September 17, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2141, 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 and for other purposes, H.R. 4366, to strengthen the Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement, the nomination of Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

September 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine overcoming persistent barriers to economic self-sufficiency for people with disabilities, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 17, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Russell C. Deyo, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary for Management, both of the Department of Homeland Security, and Mickey D. Barnett, of New Mexico, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 18, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine tax audits of large partnerships, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: September 17, to hold hearings to examine S. 2670, to prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian land in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 17, to hold hearings to examine certain nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine why net neutrality matters, focusing on protecting consumers and competition through meaningful open Internet rules, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

September 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Madeline Cox Arleo, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Wendy Beetlestone, Mark A. Kearney, Joseph F. Leeson, Jr., and Gerald J. Pappert, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Victor Allen Bolden, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Armando Ormar Bonilla, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Stephen R. Bough, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, David J. Hale, and Gregory N. Stivers, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, S. 1690, to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007, S. 2646, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, S. 2520, to improve the Freedom of Information Act, and H.R. 1447, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, 11 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: September 17, business meeting to consider S. 2017, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote, S. 85, to provide incentives for States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at the polls and to simplify voter registration, and nominations of Matthew Vincent Masterson, of Ohio, and Christy A. McCormick, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 16, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

September 18, Full Committee, to receive closed briefings on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: September 16, to hold hearings to examine harnessing the power of telehealth, focusing on promises and challenges, 2 p.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, September 17, Full Committee, hearing to review the implementation of Section 4022 of the Agricultural Act of 2014: pilot projects to reduce dependency and increase work requirements and work effort under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

September 18, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry, hearing on the benefits of promoting soil health in agriculture and rural America, 11:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, September 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Administration’s Strategy for the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)”, 11:15 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

September 19, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Religious Accommodations in the Armed Services”, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

September 19, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Department of Defense Excess Property Program in Support of U.S. Law Enforcement Agencies: An Overview of DOD Authorities, Roles, Responsibilities, and Implementation of Section 1033 of the 1997 National Defense Authorization Act”, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, September 17, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 4959, the “EEOC Transparency and Accountability Act”; H.R. 5422, the “Litigation Oversight Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5423, the “Certainty in Enforcement Act of 2014”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

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September 19, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “21st Century Cures: Examining Ways to Combat Antibiotic Resistance and Foster New Drug Development”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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September 17, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, markup on H. Res. 714, reaffirming the peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and jurisdictional disputes in the South China Sea and the East China Sea as provided for by universally recognized principles of international law, and reaffirming the strong support of the United States Government for freedom of navigation and

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September 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The ISIS Threat: Weighing the Obama Administration’s Response”, 11:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 18, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, joint hearing entitled “The Struggles of Recovering Assets for Holocaust Survivors”, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 19, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled “Islamist Foreign Fighters Returning Home and the Threat to Europe”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, September 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Worldwide Threats to the Homeland”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

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Committee on the Judiciary, September 17, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing on Chapter 12 of Title 17, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 17, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5233, the “Trade Secrets Protection Act of 2014”, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 18, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, hearing on oversight of the Drug Enforcement Administration, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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September 19, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled “Ongoing Oversight: Monitoring the Activities of the Justice Department’s Civil, Tax and Environment and Natural Resources Divisions and the U.S. Trustee Program”, 9:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, September 17, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 5066, the “Data Preservation Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5176, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 18, Full Committee, markup on pending legislation, 11 a.m. or conclusion of the Joint Session, whichever occurs later, 1324 Longworth.

September 19, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 4924, the “Bill Williams River Water

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Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, September 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Tiversa, Inc.: White Knight or Hi-Tech Protection Racket?”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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September 17, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “The IRS Targeting Scandal: Changing Stories of Missing E-mails”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining ObamaCare’s Failures in Security, Accountability and Transparency”, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 18, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “Protecting International Religious Freedom”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 18, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and the Census, hearing entitled “U.S. Census Bureau: Addressing Data Collection Vulnerabilities”, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, September 17, Full Committee, Members’ Day hearing on proposed rules changes for the 114th Congress, 11 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

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September 17, Subcommittee on Oversight, meeting on a resolution authorizing the Chairman to issue subpoenas, 4 p.m., 2325 Rayburn.

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Committee on Small Business, September 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Is the FCC Responding to the Needs of Small Business and Rural America?”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

September 18, Subcommittee on Health and Technology, hearing entitled “An Update on the Small Business Health Options Program: Is It Working for Small Businesses?”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 17, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; H.R. 5449, the “Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2014”; H.R. 5146, to designate the United States courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the “Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse”; H.R. 5448, the “John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2014”; H.R. 5266, to reauthorize the National Estuary Programs, and for other purposes; H.R. 4926, to designate the “James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway” and the “James L. Oberstar National Scenic Byway” in the State of Minnesota; and possible other matters cleared for consideration, 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Tuesday, September 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business until 12:30 p.m. At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Stephen G. Burns, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Following the vote on confirmation of the nomination of Stephen G. Burns, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of Linda A. Schwartz, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning), Matthew T. Harrington, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, 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, Nina Hachigian, of California, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and Gordon O. Tanner, of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, and vote on confirmation of the nominations.

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Tuesday, September 16

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following measures under suspension of the rules: 1) H.R. 3593—The VA Construction Assistance Act of 2014, as amended; 2) H.R. 5404—Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2014, as amended; 3) H.R. 4276—Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Improvement Act of 2014; 4) S. 2258—Veterans's Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2014; 5) H.R. 24—Federal Reserve Transparency Act; 6) H.R. 5169—Senior Executive Service Accountability Act, as amended; 7) H.R. 5170—Federal Records Accountability Act of 2014, as amended; 8) H.R. 5418—To prohibit officers and employees of the Internal Revenue Service from using personal email accounts to conduct official business; 9) H.R. 5419—To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations; 10) H.R. 5420—To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the release of information regarding the status of certain investigations; 11) H.R. 3043—Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act; 12) H.R. 495—Free File Program Act of 2014, as amended; 13) H.R. 4137—Preserving Welfare for Needs Not Weed Act; 14) H.R. 4994—Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation (IMPACT) Act of 2014, as amended; and 15) H.R. ____ To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for limitations on the fees charged to passengers of air carriers. Begin consideration of H.J. Res. 124—Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2015 (Subject to a Rule).

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