

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3089–S3199

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1390–1408, and S. Con. Res. 17. **Pages S3183–84**

Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 47, to correct the enrollment of S. 178. **Page S3198**

Measures Considered:

Ensuring Tax Exempt Organizations the Right To Appeal Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1314, 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3092–S3175**

Pending:

Hatch Amendment No. 1221, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3092**

Hatch (for Flake) Amendment No. 1243 (to Amendment No. 1221), to strike the extension of the trade adjustment assistance program. **Page S3092**

Hatch (for Inhofe/Coons) Modified Amendment No. 1312 (to Amendment No. 1221), to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to require the development of a plan for each sub-Saharan African country for negotiating and entering into free trade agreements. **Page S3092**

Hatch (for McCain) Amendment No. 1226 (to Amendment No. 1221), to repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program. **Page S3092**

Stabenow (for Portman) Amendment No. 1299 (to Amendment No. 1221), to make it a principal negotiating objective of the United States to address currency manipulation in trade agreements. **Pages S3092, S3107–09, S3112–13**

Brown Amendment No. 1251 (to Amendment No. 1221), to require the approval of Congress before additional countries may join the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement. **Page S3092**

Wyden (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 1227 (to Amendment No. 1221), to make trade agreements work for small businesses. **Page S3092**

Wyden (for Warren) Amendment No. 1327 (to Amendment No. 1221), to prohibit the application of the trade authorities procedures to an implementing bill submitted with respect to a trade agreement that includes investor-state dispute settlement. **Page S3092**

Hatch Modified Amendment No. 1411 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1299), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3092**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9 a.m., on Thursday, May 21, 2015. **Page S3199**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:57 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3199.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1331, to help enhance commerce through improved seasonal forecasts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1297, to update the Commercial Space Launch Act by amending title 51, United States Code, to promote competitiveness of the U.S. commercial space sector, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1326, to amend certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1040, to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Academy of Sciences to study the vehicle handling requirements proposed by the Commission for recreational off-highway vehicles and to prohibit the adoption of any such requirements until the completion of the study, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1359, to allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites;

S. 806, to amend section 31306 of title 49, United States Code, to recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1315, to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions;

S. 1334, to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1335, 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. 1251, to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted by Lisbon, Portugal on September 28, 2007;

S. 1336, 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;

H.R. 1020, to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation;

H.R. 710, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a comprehensive security assessment of the transportation security card program,

with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Daniel R. Elliott III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Mario Cordero, of California, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, and a routine list in the Coast Guard.

IMPROVEMENTS AND INNOVATIONS IN FISHERY MANAGEMENT AND DATA COLLECTION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine improvements and innovations in fishery management and data collection, after receiving testimony from Kathryn D. Sullivan, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Robert Beal, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, Arlington, Virginia; Brett Fitzgerald, Snook and Game Fish Foundation, Lake Worth, Florida; and Steven A. Murawski, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg.

OVERSIGHT OF EPA SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY PANELS AND PROCESSES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight concluded an oversight hearing an oversight hearing to examine scientific advisory panels and processes at the Environmental Protection Agency, including S. 543, to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, after receiving testimony from J. Alfredo Gómez, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Scott Faber, Environmental Working Group, and Terry F. Yosie, World Environment Center, both of Washington, D.C.; Ted Hadzi-Antich, Pacific Legal Foundation, Sacramento, California; and Roger O. McClellan, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

U.S.-CUBAN RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States-Cuban relations, focusing on the way forward, after receiving testimony from Roberta S. Jacobson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, and Thomas A. Shannon, Counselor, both of the Department of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gregory T.

Delawie, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Ian C. Kelly, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Georgia, Nancy Bikoff Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, Azita Raji, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden, and Julieta Valls Noyes, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, all of the Department of State.

21ST CENTURY IDEAS FOR THE 20TH CENTURY FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine 21st century ideas for the 20th century Federal civil service, after receiving testimony from Yvonne D. Jones, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Patricia J. Niehaus, Federal Managers Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Dan G. Blair, National Academy of Public Administration, and J. David Cox, Sr., American Federation of Government Employees, both of Washington, D.C.

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on exploring institutional risk-sharing, after receiving testimony from Senator Reed; Andrew P. Kelly, American Enterprise Institute Center on Higher Education Reform, and Jennifer C. Wang, Young Invincibles, both of Washington, D.C.; Robert S. Silberman, Strayer Education, Inc., Herndon, Virginia; and Douglas A. Webber, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

INDIAN WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENTS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine addressing the needs of Native communities through Indian Water Rights Settlements, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Connor, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Montana Assistant Attorney General Jay Weiner, Helena; Mark Macarro, Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians, Temecula, California; and Steven C. Moore, Native American Rights Fund, Boulder, Colorado.

THE RAPE KIT BACKLOG AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine taking sexual assault seriously, focusing on the rape kit backlog and human rights, after receiving testimony from Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Chicago; Skylor D. Hearn, Texas Department of Public Safety Assistant Director, Austin; Debbie Smith, Hope Exists After Rape Trauma, Williamsburg, Virginia; Scott Berkowitz, Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, Washington, D.C.; and Sarah Haacke Byrd, Joyful Heart Foundation, New York, New York.

PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION'S IMPACTS ON AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: On Tuesday, May 19, 2015, Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposed environmental regulation's impacts on America's small businesses, including an original bill entitled, "Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2015", after receiving testimony from Charles Maresca, Director of Interagency Affairs, Office of Advocacy, Small Business Administration; Darcy Maulsby, Dougherty Farm, Lake City, Iowa; Randy Noel, Reve Inc., Laplace, Louisiana, on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders; Elizabeth Milito, National Federation of Independent Business Small Business Legal Center, Washington, D.C.; and Benjamin H. Bulis, American Fly Fishing Trade Association, Bozeman, Montana.

SOLUTIONS TO THE HOSPITAL OBSERVATION STAY CRISIS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine solutions to the hospital observation stay crisis, after receiving testimony from Sean Cavanaugh, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Mark E. Miller, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; Jyotirmaya Nanda, SSM Health, St. Louis, Missouri, on behalf of the American Hospital Association; Spencer Young, HealthDataInsights, Las Vegas, Nevada; and Tori Gaetani, Beacon Health, Brewer, Maine.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 2461–2486; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 55; H. Con. Res. 47–48; and H. Res. 279 were introduced. **Pages H3505–06**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3507–08**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Carter (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3393**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3398**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Minister Michael Greene, Lehman Avenue Church of Christ, Bowling Green, Kentucky. **Page H3398**

Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of adopting a motion to recommit on H.R. 880 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20. **Page H3411**

American Research and Competitiveness Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 880, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify and make permanent the research credit, by a yea-and-nay vote of 274 yeas to 145 nays, Roll No. 260. **Pages H3410–19, H3490–91**

Rejected the Neal motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 181 yeas to 240 nays, Roll No. 259. **Pages H3418–19, H3490–91**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–127, shall be considered as adopted. **Page H3410**

H. Res. 273, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2262) and (H.R. 880), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 240 yeas to 185 noes, Roll No. 251, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 250. **Pages H3403–10**

America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 1806, to provide for technological innovation through the prioritization of Federal investment in basic research, fundamental

scientific discovery, and development to improve the competitiveness of the United States, by a recorded vote of 217 yeas to 205 noes, Roll No. 258. **Pages H3419–90**

Pursuant to the Rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–15 shall be considered as read. **Pages H3425–26**

Agreed to:

Smith (TX) amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that makes technical corrections; **Pages H3445–46**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that creates state and regional workshops to train K–12 teachers in science and technology project-based learning to provide instruction in initiating robotics and other STEM competition team development programs; leverages the collaboration among higher education, businesses, and local private as well as public education agencies to support STEM efforts at schools located in areas with 1 percent or more above the national unemployment rate; **Pages H3447–49**

Esty amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that instructs NSF's I-Corps to support and invest in female entrepreneurs; **Pages H3449–50**

Crowley amendment (No. 5 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that requires the National Science Foundation to establish a STEM grant program for Hispanic-serving institutions as authorized in the America COMPETES Act of 2007; **Pages H3450–51**

Kelly (PA) amendment (No. 7 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that increases the authorized funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by \$5,000,000, while decreasing the authorized funding level for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$5,000,000; **Pages H3452–54**

Grayson amendment (No. 9 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that authorizes the Energy Innovation Hubs Program within the Department of Energy; **Pages H3455–56**

Griffith amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that provides for the Speaker of the House and Senate Majority Leader to appoint members to congressionally created advisory boards (by a recorded vote of 234 yeas to 183 noes, Roll No. 253); **Pages H3451–52, H3486**

Rejected:

Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that sought to strike section 106 of the underlying bill (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 252);

Pages H3446–47, H3485–86

Lowenthal amendment (No. 8 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that sought to eliminate additional DOE reporting requirements and restrictions on sound scientific processes to independently verify scientific results (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 254);

Pages H3454–55, H3486–87

Bonamici amendment (No. 10 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that sought to allow the Department of Energy to continue partnering with the Department of Defense to produce biofuels for the military (by a recorded vote of 208 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 255);

Pages H3456–58, H3487–88

Beyer amendment (No. 11 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that sought to remove “reductions of energy-related emissions, including greenhouse gases” from goals of ARPA-E (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 256); and

Pages H3458–59, H3488

Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 12 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that sought to provide for sustained growth and policies across the scientific agencies that keep with the goals of the original Competes legislation (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 257).

Pages H3459–85, H3488–89

H. Res. 271, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1806), (H.R. 2250), and (H.R. 2353), was agreed to yesterday, May 19th.

Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act—Rule for Consideration: The House considered H. Res. 274, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1335) to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 21st.

Pages H3491–96

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, May 21.

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Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development—Reappointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s reappointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development: Representative Ben Ray Lujan (NM).

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Commission on Care—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Commission on Care: Mr. David P. Blom of Columbus, Ohio; Mr. Darin Selnick of Oceanside, California; and Dr. Roby Cosgrove of Cleveland, Ohio.

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Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Linda T. Sánchez (CA), Gene Green (TX), Polis, Jackson Lee, and Torres.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:20 p.m. and reconvened at 10 p.m.

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Correcting the enrollment of S. 178: Agreed to H. Con. Res. 47, to correct the enrollment of S. 178.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3408–09, H3409–10, H3485–86, H3486, H3486–87, H3487–88, H3488, H3488–89, H3489–90, H3490–91, H3491. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2393, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to repeal country of origin labeling requirements with respect to beef, pork, and chicken, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2394, the “National Forest Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2015”. H.R. 2393 and H.R. 2394 were ordered reported, as amended.

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF SNAP: THE WORLD OF NUTRITION, GOVERNMENT DUPLICATION AND UNMET NEEDS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Nutrition held a hearing entitled “Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: The World of Nutrition, Government Duplication and Unmet Needs”. Testimony was heard from Kay Brown, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a markup on Defense Appropriations Bill, FY

2016. The Defense Appropriations Bill, FY 2016 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment. This markup was closed.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill for FY 2016. The Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill for FY 2016 was ordered reported, as amended.

REFORMING THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled "Reforming the Workers' Compensation Program for Federal Employees". Testimony was heard from Scott Dahl, Inspector General, Department of Labor; Leonard Howie III, Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor; Andrew Sherrill, Director of Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a markup on a discussion draft of the "FCC Process Reform Act of 2015"; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to publish on its Internet website changes to the rules of the Commission not later than 24 hours after adoption; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to publish on the website of the Commission documents to be voted on by the Commission; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require identification and description on the website of the Federal Communications Commission of items to be decided on authority delegated by the Commission; a bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to submit to Congress a report on improving the participation of small businesses in the proceedings of the Commission; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for a quarterly report on pending requests for action by the Federal Communications Commission and pending congressional investigations of the Commission; and a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for publication on the Internet website of the Federal Communications Commission of certain policies and procedures established by the chairman of the Commission. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, without amendment: the "FCC Process Reform Act of 2015"; a bill to amend the Commu-

nications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to publish on its Internet website changes to the rules of the Commission not later than 24 hours after adoption; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require identification and description on the website of the Federal Communications Commission of items to be decided on authority delegated by the Commission; a bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to submit to Congress a report on improving the participation of small businesses in the proceedings of the Commission; and a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for publication on the Internet website of the Federal Communications Commission of certain policies and procedures established by the chairman of the Commission. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, as amended: a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to publish on the website of the Commission documents to be voted on by the Commission; and a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for a quarterly report on pending requests for action by the Federal Communications Commission and pending congressional investigations of the Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 432, the "SBIC Advisers Relief Act of 2015"; H.R. 686, the "Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act of 2015"; H.R. 1334, the "Holding Company Registration Threshold Equalization Act of 2015"; H.R. 1525, the "Disclosure Modernization and Simplification Act of 2015"; H.R. 1675, the "Encouraging Employee Ownership Act of 2015"; H.R. 1723, the "Small Company Simple Registration Act of 2015"; H.R. 1847, the "Swap Data Repository and Clearinghouse Indemnification Correction Act of 2015"; H.R. 1965, the "Small Company Disclosure Simplification Act"; H.R. 1975, the "Securities and Exchange Commission Overpayment Credit Act"; H.R. 2064, the "Improving Access to Capital for Emerging Growth Companies Act"; H.R. 2354, the "Streamlining Excessive and Costly Regulations Review Act"; H.R. 2356, the "Fair Access to Investment Research Act of 2015"; H.R. 2357, the "Accelerating Access to Capital Act of 2015"; and a resolution to name a new Republican Member of the Committee to subcommittees. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 432, H.R. 686, H.R. 1334, H.R. 1525, H.R. 1675, H.R. 1723, H.R. 1847, H.R. 1965, H.R. 1975, H.R. 2064, H.R. 2354, H.R. 2356, and H.R. 2357.

The resolution to name a new Republican Member of the Committee to subcommittees was adopted.

EGYPT TWO YEARS AFTER MORSI: PART I

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Egypt Two Years After Morsi: Part I”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; EVEREST TREMBLED: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE NEPAL EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a markup on H.R. 1853, to direct the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and for other purposes; and H. Res. 235, expressing deepest condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following the devastating earthquake on April 25, 2015; and a hearing entitled “Everest Trembled: Lessons Learned from the Nepal Earthquake Response”. H.R. 1853 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment. H. Res. 235 was forwarded to the full committee, as amended. Testimony was heard from Nisha Desai Biswal, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; Jonathan Stivers, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development; Thomas H. Staal, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Anne A. Witkowsky, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Stability and Humanitarian Affairs, Department of Defense.

DEVELOPMENTS IN RWANDA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Developments in Rwanda”. Testimony was heard from Robert P. Jackson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Steven Feldstein, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1300, the “First Responder Anthrax Preparedness Act”; H.R. 1615, the “DHS FOIA Efficiency Act of 2015”; H.R. 1626, the “DHS IT Duplication Reduction Act of 2015”; H.R. 1633, the “DHS Paid Administrative Leave Accountability Act of 2015”; H.R. 1637, the “Federally Funded Research and Development Sunshine Act of 2015”; H.R. 1640, the “Department of

Homeland Security Headquarters Consolidation Accountability Act of 2015”; H.R. 1646, the “Homeland Security Drone Assessment and Analysis Act”; H.R. 1738, the “Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2015”; H.R. 2200, the “CBRN Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2015”; H.R. 2206, the “SWIC Enhancement Act”; and H.R. 2390, the “Homeland Security University-based Centers Review Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1300, H.R. 1615, H.R. 1626, H.R. 1633, H.R. 1640, H.R. 1646, H.R. 1738, H.R. 2200, and H.R. 2206. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 2390 and H.R. 1637.

UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing on the United States Capitol Police. Testimony was heard from Kim Dine, Chief, Capitol Police.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands; and Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, held a joint hearing on a discussion draft of a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Steve Ellis, Deputy Director for Operations, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Leslie Weldon, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on a discussion draft titled the “National Energy Security Corridors Act”. Testimony was heard from Linwood Parker, Mayor, Town of Four Oaks, Four Oaks, North Carolina; Tim Spisak, Senior Advisor for Minerals and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

ELECTRICITY RELIABILITY AND FOREST PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing on the “Electricity Reliability and Forest Protection Act”. Testimony was heard from Karen E. Mouritsen, Deputy Assistant Director, Energy, Minerals, and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior; Greg Smith, Director of Lands, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

STATE PERSPECTIVES ON THE STATUS OF COOPERATING AGENCIES FOR THE OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING'S STREAM PROTECTION RULE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "State Perspectives on the Status of Cooperating Agencies for the Office of Surface Mining's Stream Protection Rule". Testimony was heard from Randall Johnson, Director, Alabama Surface Mining Commission; Gregory F. Baker, Reclamation Program Manager, Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy; Russell M. Hunter, Counsel, Division of Mining and Reclamation, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection; and a public witness.

ADVANCING COMMERCIAL WEATHER DATA: COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE FORECASTS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled "Advancing Commercial Weather Data: Collaborative Efforts to Improve Forecasts". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ACROSS TOWN, ACROSS OCEANS: EXPANDING THE ROLE OF SMALL BUSINESS IN GLOBAL COMMERCE

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Across Town, Across Oceans: Expanding the Role of Small Business in Global Commerce". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2322, the "Public Buildings Reform and Savings Act of 2015"; H.R. 2131, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 83 Meeting Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the "J. Waties Waring Judicial Center"; and two General Services Administration resolutions. H.R. 2322 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 2131 was ordered reported, without amendment. The General Services Administration resolutions were approved.

EXAMINING THE USE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled "Examining the Use of Administrative Actions in the Implementation of the Affordable Care Act". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, after receiving testimony from Al Kovach, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Larry E. Via, AMVETS, and J. Patrick Little, Military Order of the Purple Heart, all of Washington, D.C.; Colonel Robert F. Norton, USA (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, and Glenn Minney, Blinded Veterans Association, both of Alexandria, Virginia; John Rowan, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Paul Rieckhoff, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, both of New York, New York; and Gene Overstreet, Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America, Seguin, Texas.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D575)

H.R. 2252, to clarify the effective date of certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014. Signed on May 19, 2015. (Public Law 114-13)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider pending legislation, and the nomination of Jeffrey Michael Prieto, of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, 9:45 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to consider the fiscal year 2016 302(b) allocations, an original bill entitled, "Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2016", and an original bill entitled, "Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016", 11 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States policy in Iraq and Syria, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, "The Financial Regulatory Improvement Act of 2015", 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 160, and H.R. 373, to direct the Secretary

of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, S. 365, to improve range-land conditions and restore grazing levels within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Utah, S. 472, to promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development in Douglas County, Nevada, S. 583, to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho, S. 814, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, S. 815, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, and S. 1240, to designate the Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas in the State of New Mexico, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 802, 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, S. Res. 87, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe and to encourage greater cooperation with the European governments, the European Union, and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in preventing and responding to anti-Semitism, the nominations of Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Cassandra Q. Butts, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Paul A. Folmsbee, of Oklahoma, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, Stafford Fitzgerald Haney, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, and Gentry O. Smith, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, all of the Department of State, Matthew T. McGuire, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, 9:15 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine understanding America's long-term fiscal picture, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

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

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 6, the "21st Century Cures Act" (continued), 8:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "What are the State Governments Doing to Combat the Opioid Abuse Epidemic?", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing, hearing entitled "A Dangerous Nexus: Terrorism, Crime, and Corruption", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1853, to direct the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and for other purposes; H.R. 2100, the "Girls Count Act of 2015"; H.R. 2323, the "United States International Communications Reform Act of 2015"; H. Res. 213, condemning the April 2015 terrorist attack at the Garissa University College in Garissa, Kenya, and reaffirming the United States support for the people and Government of Kenya, and for other purposes; and H. Res. 235, expressing deepest condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following the devastating earthquake on April 25, 2015, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled "Issues Facing Civilian and Postal Service Vehicle Fleet Procurement", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 475, the "GI Bill Processing Improvement Act of 2015"; H.R. 571, the "Veterans Affairs Retaliation Prevention Act of 2015"; H.R. 675, the "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2015"; H.R. 1575, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the pilot program on counseling in retreat settings for women veterans newly separated from service in the Armed Forces; H.R. 1607, the "Ruth Moore Act of 2015"; and H.R. 2256, the "Veterans Information Modernization Act", 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Thursday, May 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, May 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1314, Ensuring Tax Exempt Organizations the Right to Appeal Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Hatch Amendment No. 1221 to the bill at approximately 10 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 2262—SPACE Act of 2015 (Subject to a Rule).

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