

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4171–S4211.

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1578–1589. **Page S4202**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 2578, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–66) **Page S4202**

Measures Considered:

Department of Defense Appropriations Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2685, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, June 18, 2015.

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National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 78 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 209), Feinstein (for McCain) Amendment No. 1889 (to Amendment No. 1463), to reaffirm the prohibition on torture.

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Rejected:

By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 210), McCain (for Ernst/Boxer) Amendment No. 1549 (to Amendment No. 1463), to provide for a temporary, emergency authorization of defense articles, defense services, and related training directly to the Kurdistan Regional Government. (Pursuant to the order of

Thursday, June 11, 2015, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 211) Reed (for Gillibrand) Amendment No. 1578 (to Amendment No. 1463), to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 11, 2015, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 26 yeas to 73 nays (Vote No. 213), Vitter/Moran Further Modified Amendment No. 1473 (to Amendment No. 1463), to limit the retirement of Army combat units, and to provide an offset.

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Withdrawn:

Lee Amendment No. 1687 (to Amendment No. 1473), to provide for the protection and recovery of the greater sage-grouse, the conservation of lesser prairie-chickens, and the removal of endangered species status for the American burying beetle.

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Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 1463, in the nature of a substitute.

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McCain Amendment No. 1456 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require additional information supporting long-range plans for construction of naval vessels.

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Cornyn Amendment No. 1486 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require reporting on energy security issues involving Europe and the Russian Federation, and to express the sense of Congress regarding ways the United States could help vulnerable allies and partners with energy security.

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Markey Amendment No. 1645 (to Amendment No. 1463), to express the sense of Congress that exports of crude oil to United States allies and partners should not be determined to be consistent with the national interest if those exports would increase energy prices in the United States for American consumers or businesses or increase the reliance of the United States on imported oil.

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Reed (for Blumenthal) Modified Amendment No. 1564 (to Amendment No. 1463), to enhance protections accorded to servicemembers and their spouses.

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McCain (for Paul) Modified Amendment No. 1543 (to Amendment No. 1463), to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government.

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Reed (for Durbin) Modified Amendment No. 1559 (to Amendment No. 1463), to prohibit the award of Department of Defense contracts to inverted domestic corporations.

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Fischer/Booker Amendment No. 1825 (to Amendment No. 1463), to authorize appropriations for national security aspects of the Merchant Marine for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

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McCain (for Hatch) Amendment No. 1911 (to Amendment No. 1456), to require a report on the Department of Defense definition of and policy regarding software sustainment.

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

By 83 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 212), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McCain Amendment No. 1463 (listed above).

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all time during morning business and the adjournment of the Senate count post-cloture on McCain Amendment No. 1463 (listed above).

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

Transmitting, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, the proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Korea Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–20)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Linda Thomas-Greenfield, an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs), to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for the remainder of the term expiring September 27, 2015.

Linda Thomas-Greenfield, an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs), to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 27, 2021.

John Morton, of Massachusetts, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

A routine list in the Air Force.

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Messages from the House:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—213)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4209.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Fiscal Year 2016 Homeland Security Appropriations".

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Fiscal Year 2016 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations".

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jonathan Elkind, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs), and Monica C. Regalbuto, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TRADE PROMOTION AND CAPACITY-BUILDING IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine strategic implications of trade promotion and capacity-building in the Asia-Pacific region, after receiving testimony from Kurt Tong, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, and Tom Malinowski, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, both of the Department of State; and Jason Foley, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, Agency for International Development.

FEDERAL REAL PROPERTY REFORM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal real property reform, focusing on how cutting red tape and better management could achieve billions in savings, after receiving testimony from David Mader, Controller, Office of Management and

Budget; Norman Dong, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; and David Wise, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health information technology, focusing on what providers and the Department of Health and Human Services can do to improve electronic health record user experience, after receiving testimony from Vindell Washington, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Timothy A. Pletcher, Michigan Health Information Network Shared Services, East Lansing; and Meryl Moss, Coastal Medical, Inc., Providence, Rhode Island.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 2788–2797; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 57; and H. Res. 317–320, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2580, to provide for a technical change to the Medicare long-term care hospital moratorium exception, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–156);

H. Res. 319, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 160) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1190) to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (H. Rept. 114–157);

H.R. 2506, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay the authority to terminate Medicare Advantage contracts for MA plans failing to achieve minimum quality ratings, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–158, Part 1);

H.R. 2507, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish an annual rulemaking schedule for payment rates under Medicare Advantage, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–159, Part 1);

H.R. 2579, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the risk adjustment under the Medicare Advantage program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–160, Part 1); and

H.R. 2581, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a 3-year demonstration program to test the use of value-based insurance design methodologies under eligible Medicare Advantage plans, to preserve Medicare beneficiary choice under Medicare Advantage, to revise the treatment under the Medicare program of infusion drugs furnished through durable medical equipment, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–161, Part 1).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:08 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a voice vote. **Pages H4386, H4395**

Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces deployed to Iraq or Syria on or after August 7, 2014—Order of Business: Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider in the House H. Con. Res. 55, directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces deployed to Iraq or Syria on or after August 7, 2014, other than Armed Forces required to protect United States diplomatic facilities and personnel, from Iraq and Syria, if called up by the chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or his designee; that the concurrent resolution be considered as read; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except for two hours of debate equally divided among and controlled by Representatives Royce, Engel, and McGovern or their respective designees. **Page H4389**

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016: The House passed H.R. 2596, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, by a recorded vote of 247 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 369. **Pages H4396–H4421**

Rejected the Dingell motion to recommit the bill to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 368. **Pages H4419–21**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–19 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill. **Page H4404**

Agreed to:

Israel amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that requires the Director of National Intelligence to provide a report to the congressional intelligence and defense committees on the trends related to tunnel use by our adversaries and an update on collaborative efforts with partner countries; **Pages H4404–05**

Israel amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that requires the Director of National Intelligence to provide a report to the congressional intelligence and defense committees on the cyber threat trends identified by the Cyber Threat Intelligence Integration Center, an assessment of collaborative efforts between federal agencies, and recommendations to improve those collaborative efforts; **Pages H4405–06**

Crowley amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that allows the Director of National Intelligence to provide grants to Hispanic-serving institutions of higher education for the purpose of offering advanced foreign language programs deemed in the immediate interest of the intelligence community and for study abroad and cultural immersion programs; **Pages H4406–07**

Keating amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that requires a report on intelligence sharing with members of the EU and NATO regarding the travel of foreign fighters to and from Iraq and Syria and an analysis of the challenges impeding coordinated intelligence efforts; **Pages H4407–08**

Keating amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that restores reporting requirement on the progress of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in implementing information-sharing principles; **Page H4408**

Rooney (FL) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that requires a report detailing the Intelligence Community's utilization of the National Science Foundation's CyberCorps Scholarship for Service program; **Pages H4409–10**

Moulton amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that requires a report and briefing regarding the impacts on the intelligence community (IC) of the recently disclosed cyber breach at OPM; **Pages H4410–11**

Turner amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that requires the Director of National Intelligence to submit a report to Congress on the funding of political parties and NGOs in former Soviet states by the Russian Federation and the security and intelligence services of the Russian Federation; **Pages H4411–12**

Farr amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that requires the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to submit a report on continuous evaluation of security clearance; **Page H4412**

Sinema amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that expresses the sense of Congress that the Intelligence Community should dedicate necessary resources to defeating the revenue mechanisms of the Islamic State; directs the Director of National Intelligence to submit a report on the strategy efforts; **Pages H4412–13**

Crowley amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that requires a report from the Director of National Intelligence on possibilities for growing national security cooperation between the United States, Israel, and India; **Pages H4413–14**

Wilson (SC) amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that directs the Director of National Intelligence to study how we measure cyber attacks and report to the relevant committees in both a classified and unclassified format; **Pages H4414–15**

Poe (TX) amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that requires the Director of National Intelligence to report to Congress on the nexus between terrorist groups and wildlife trafficking, how wildlife trafficking impacts U.S. national security, and key actors and facilitators of wildlife trafficking; **Pages H4415–16**

Poe (TX) amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that requires the Director of National Intelligence to submit a report that represents the coordinated assessment of the intelligence community on how terrorists and terrorist organizations are using social media; and **Pages H4416–17**

Poe (TX) amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that requires the Director of National Intelligence to submit to Congress a strategy to defeat ISIL and al-Qaeda. **Pages H4417–18**

Rejected:

Schiff amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that sought to strike four sections of the bill which add new restrictions to prevent the Administration from closing the Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 367). **Pages H4408–09, H4418–19**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H4421**

H. Res. 315, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2596) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 366, after the previous question was ordered. **Pages H4389–95**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:02 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H4418**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the text of a proposed Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Korea Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, as well as his written approval, authorization, and determination concerning the Agreement, and an unclassified Nuclear Proliferation Assessment Statement concerning the

Agreement—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–43). **Pages H4395–96**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page 4389.

Senate Referral: S. 565 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. **Page H4430**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4395, H4418–19, H4420–21, and H4421. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2016. The Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2016 was ordered reported, as amended.

CHILD NUTRITION ASSISTANCE: ARE FEDERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS SERVING THE BEST INTERESTS OF SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES?

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Child Nutrition Assistance: Are Federal Rules and Regulations Serving the Best Interests of Schools and Families?”. Testimony was heard from Tom Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing on H.R. 511, the “Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining H.R. 2646, the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act”. Testimony was heard from Creigh Deeds, Senator, State of Virginia; former Representative Patrick J. Kennedy; and public witnesses.

EPA'S PROPOSED OZONE RULE: POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON MANUFACTURING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power; and Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, held a joint hearing entitled "EPA's Proposed Ozone Rule: Potential Impacts on Manufacturing". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROGRESS TOWARD A NATIONWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY BROADBAND NETWORK

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled "Progress Toward a Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network". Testimony was heard from T.J. Kennedy, Acting Executive Director, First Responder Network Authority; and Stu Davis, State Chief Information Officer, Assistant Director, Ohio Department of Administrative Services.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 805, the "Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters Act of 2015".

A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE ON CYBER THREATS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "A Global Perspective on Cyber Threats". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO MODERNIZE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES AND EXPAND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Modernize Business Development Companies and Expand Investment Opportunities". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ADVANCING UNITED STATES' INTERESTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Advancing United States' Interests at the United Nations". Testimony was heard from Samantha Power, Permanent Representative, United States Mission to the United Nations, Department of State.

REVIEWING THE ADMINISTRATION'S FY 2016 BUDGET REQUEST FOR EUROPE AND EURASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled "Reviewing the Administration's FY 2016 Budget Request for Europe and Eurasia". Testimony was heard from Alina Romanowski, Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; Daniel Rosenblum, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Central Asia, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; Jonathan Stivers, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Susan Fritz, Acting Assistant Administrator, Europe and Eurasia Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development.

HOW TSA CAN IMPROVE AVIATION WORKER VETTING

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled "How TSA Can Improve Aviation Worker Vetting". Testimony was heard from John Roth, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; Stacey Fitzmaurice, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and Jennifer Grover, Director, Transportation Security and Coast Guard Issues, Homeland Security and Justice Team, Government Accountability Office.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a markup on H.R. 2750, the "Improved Security Vetting for Aviation Workers Act of 2015"; and H.R. 2770, the "Keeping Our Travelers Safe and Secure Act". H.R. 2750 was ordered reported to the full committee, as amended. H.R. 2770 was ordered reported to the full committee, without amendment.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing on H.R. 2745, the "Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2015". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 482, the "Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2015"; H.R. 496, the "Alabama Hills National Scenic Area Establishment Act"; H.R. 959, the "Medgar Evers House Study Act"; H.R. 1138, the "Sawtooth National Recreation

Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness Additions Act”; H.R. 1554, the “Elkhorn Ranch and White River National Forest Conveyance Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2223, the “Craggs, Colorado Land Exchange Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bishop of Georgia; Austin Scott of Georgia; Simpson; and Thompson of Mississippi; Leslie Weldon, Deputy Chief, Forest Service; Karen E. Mouritsen, Deputy Assistant Director, Energy, Minerals, and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management; and a public witness.

ARCTIC RESOURCES AND AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Arctic Resources and American Competitiveness”. Testimony was heard from Brian Salerno, Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OPM: DATA BREACH

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “OPM: Data Breach”. Testimony was heard from the following Office of Personnel Management officials: Katherine Archuleta, Director; Donna K. Seymour, Chief Information Officer; and Michael R. Esser, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, Office of Inspector General; Andy Ozment, Assistant Secretary, Office of Cybersecurity and Communications, National Program Preparedness Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Tony Scott, U.S. Chief Information Officer, Office of E-Government and Information Technology, Office of Management and Budget; and Sylvia Burns, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Interior.

FAIR COMPETITION IN INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Fair Competition in International Shipping”. Testimony was heard from Robert Taub, Acting Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission; Robert Faucher, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State; Randy Miskanic, Acting Chief Information Officer and Executive Vice President, United States Postal Service; David Williams, Inspector General, United States Postal Service; and public witnesses.

PROTECT MEDICAL INNOVATION ACT OF 2015; PROTECTING SENIORS’ ACCESS TO MEDICARE ACT OF 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee concluded a hearing on H.R. 160, the “Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1190, the “Protecting Seniors’ Access to Medicare Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a closed rule for H.R. 160. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also granted a closed rule for H.R. 1190. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chairs and ranking minority members of the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

THE SCIENCE AND ETHICS OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED HUMAN DNA

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “The Science and Ethics of Genetically Engineered Human DNA”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SAVING TAXPAYER DOLLARS IN FEDERAL REAL ESTATE: REDUCING THE GOVERNMENT’S SPACE FOOTPRINT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Saving Taxpayer Dollars in Federal Real Estate: Reducing the Government’s Space Footprint”. Testimony was heard from Representative Denham; David Mader, Controller, Office of Management and

Budget; David J. Wise, Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, Government Accountability Office; Norman Dong, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; and a public witness.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE DRUG INTERDICTION EFFORTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Western Hemisphere Drug Interdiction Efforts”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Charles D. Michel, Deputy Commandant for Operations, Coast Guard; and Rear Admiral Karl L. Schultz, Director of Operations, United States Southern Command.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION'S MANAGEMENT OF EARNINGS REPORTS FROM DISABILITY BENEFICIARIES TRYING TO GO BACK TO WORK

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on the Social Security Administration's (SSA) management of earnings reports from disability beneficiaries trying to go back to work. Testimony was heard from David A. Weaver, Associate Commissioner, Office of Research, Demonstration and Employment Support, Social Security Administration; and Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine CBO's analysis of the Federal government's deepening fiscal challenges, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's final rule to regulate disposal of coal combustion residuals from electric utilities, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Gayle Smith, of Ohio, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on evaluating accreditation's role in ensuring quality, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine governing through goal setting, focusing on enhancing the economic and national security of America, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Carol Ochoa, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, General Services Administration, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine accessing capital in Indian Country, 2:15 p.m., SD-638.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2647, the “Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2620, to amend the United States Cotton Futures Act to exclude certain cotton futures contracts from coverage under such Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, markup on the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill, FY 2016, 9 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill for FY 2016, 11 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S. Policy and Strategy in the Middle East”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled “Capacity of U.S. Navy to Project Power with Large Surface Combatants”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Why Congress Must Balance the Budget”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Restricting Access to Financial Advice: Evaluating the Costs and Consequences for Working Families and Retirees”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 805, the “Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters Act of 2015” (continued), 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Annual Report of the Financial Stability Oversight Council”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

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