

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6661–S6771

Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2037–2044. **Page S6699**

Measures Passed:

25th Anniversary of the Office of Research on Women's Health: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 242, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Office of Research on Women's Health at the National Institutes of Health, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Mikulski/Collins Amendment No. 2663, to amend the resolving clause. **Page S6676**

Mikulski/Collins Amendment No. 2664, to amend the preamble. **Page S6676**

Mikulski/Collins Amendment No. 2665, to amend the title. **Page S6677**

Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 70, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. **Page S6765**

Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 73, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 2nd Annual Fallen Firefighters Congressional Flag Presentation Ceremony. **Page S6765**

Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 74, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for an event to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Million Man March. **Page S6765**

Measures Considered:

Hire More Heroes Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.J. Res. 61, amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which

the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, taking action on the following amendments and motion proposed thereto: **Pages S6669–76, S6678–93**

Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 2640, of a perfecting nature. **Page S6670**

McConnell Amendment No. 2656 (to Amendment No. 2640), to prohibit the President from waiving, suspending, reducing, providing relief from, or otherwise limiting the application of sanctions pursuant to an agreement related to the nuclear program of Iran. **Pages S6670, S6672–76**

McConnell Amendment No. 2657 (to Amendment No. 2656), to change the enactment date. **Page S6670**

McConnell Amendment No. 2658 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2640), to change the enactment date. **Page S6670**

McConnell Amendment No. 2659 (to Amendment No. 2658), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6670**

McConnell motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2660, to prohibit the President from waiving, suspending, reducing, providing relief from, or otherwise limiting the application of sanctions pursuant to an agreement related to the nuclear program of Iran. **Page S6670**

McConnell Amendment No. 2661 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2660), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6670**

McConnell Amendment No. 2662 (to Amendment No. 2661), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6670**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, September 17, 2015, with the time until 11 a.m., equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that the filing deadline for all second-degree amendments be at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 17, 2015. **Page S6765**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John W. Leslie, Jr., of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2019.

Eduardo Castell, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2019.

Steven H. Cohen, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2019.

Vicki Miles-LaGrange, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2015.

Vicki Miles-LaGrange, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2021.

Deborah R. Malac, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda.

Catherine Ann Novelli, of Virginia, to be United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Lisa J. Peterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland.

H. Dean Pittman, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

Eric Seth Rubin, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria.

Kyle R. Scott, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia.

Robert McKinnon Califf, of South Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2018.

Routine lists in the Army and Navy.

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Messages from the House: Page S6694

Measures Placed on the Calendar: Pages S6662, S6694–95

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:45 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6765.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FDA EFFORTS TO ENSURE FOOD SUPPLY SAFETY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the Food and Drug Administration's efforts to ensure the safety of the food supply and protect American consumers, after receiving testimony from Stephen Ostroff, Commissioner, Michael Taylor, Deputy Commissioner for Foods and Veterinary Medicine, and Bill Tootle, Director, Office of Budget, all of the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

U.S. MILITARY OPERATIONS TO COUNTER ISIL

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States military operations to counter the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, after receiving testimony from Christine E. Wormuth, Under Secretary for Policy, and General Lloyd J. Austin III, USA, Commander, Central Command, both of the Department of Defense.

GOLD KING MINE SPILL OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the cause, response, and impacts of EPA's Gold King Mine spill, after receiving testimony from Senators Gardner, Bennet, Udall, and Heinrich; and Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

U.S. ROLE AND STRATEGY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States role and strategy in the Middle East, focusing on Syria, Iraq, and the fight against ISIS, after receiving testimony from Kimberly Kagan, Institute for the Study of War, Brian Katulis, Center for American Progress, and Michael Bowers, Mercy Corps, all of Washington, D.C.

REGULATORY REFORM PROPOSALS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine

regulatory reform proposals, including S. 708, to establish an independent advisory committee to review certain regulations, S. 1607, to affirm the authority of the President to require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies, S. 1817, to improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review, S. 1818, to amend title 5, United States Code, to reform the rule making process of agencies, and S. 1820, to require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rule making for major rules, after receiving testimony from Susan E. Dudley, George Washington University Regulatory Studies Center, Washington, D.C.; and Sidney A. Shapiro, Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on behalf of the Center for Progressive Reform.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine achieving the promise of health information technology, focusing on improving care through patient access to their records, after receiving testimony from Raj M. Ratwani, MedStar Health National Center for Human Factors in Healthcare, Washington, D.C.; Kathy Giusti, Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, Norwalk, Connecticut; and Eric Dishman, Intel Corporation, Hillsboro, Oregon.

GOLD KING MINE DISASTER IMPACTS ON INDIAN COUNTRY

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine EPA's Gold King Mine disaster, focusing on the harmful impacts to Indian country, after receiving testimony from Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Russell Begaye, Window Rock, Arizona, and Gilbert Harrison, Sr., Gadii'ahi Chapter, New Mexico, both of the Navajo Nation; James M. Olguin, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, Colorado; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, Washington, D.C.; and David C. Weindorf, Texas Tech University Department of Plant and Soil Science, Lubbock.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS PRIVACY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reforming the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, including S. 356, to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications, after receiving testimony from Elana Tyrangiel, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; Andrew Ceresney, Director, Division of Enforcement, Securities and Exchange Commission; Daniel Salsburg,

Chief Counsel, Office of Technology, Research and Investigation, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Richard Littlehale, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Nashville; Richard Salgado, Google Inc., Mountain View, California; and Chris Calabrese, Center for Democracy and Technology, and Victoria Espinel, BSA | *The Software Alliance*, both of Washington, D.C.

VETERANS HEALTH AND BENEFITS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 290, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 563, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program to seek to employ physicians at the Department of Veterans Affairs on a without compensation basis in practice areas and specialties with staffing shortages and long appointment waiting times, S. 564, to amend title 38, United States Code, to include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1450, to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to modify the hours of employment of physicians and physician assistants employed on a full-time basis by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1451, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to adjudicate and pay survivor's benefits without requiring the filing of a formal claim, S. 1460, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship, S. 1693, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans that were unable to receive care from the Department of Veterans Affairs in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such emergency treatment, S. 1856, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for suspension and removal of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and to improve accountability of employees of the Department, S. 1938, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Thomas Lynch, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs

for Health Clinical Operations, Veterans Health Administration; Joseph W. Wescott II, National Association of State Approving Agencies, Raleigh, North Carolina; Roscoe G. Butler, The American Legion,

and Aleks Morosky, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, both of Washington, D.C.; and Donald F. Kettl, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, Annapolis.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 8, 3511–3530; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 77 and H. Res. 422–423 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 420, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 348) to provide for improved coordination of agency actions in the preparation and adoption of environmental documents for permitting determinations, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 758) to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 114–261); and

H. Res. 421, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3134) to provide for a moratorium on Federal funding to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3504) to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (H. Rept. 114–262).

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

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m.

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

National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization of 2015: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 23, to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program;

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Gerardo Hernandez Airport Security Act of 2015: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 720, to improve intergovernmental planning for and

communication during security incidents at domestic airports;

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Allowing the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to lease or transfer certain lands: H.R. 487, to allow the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to lease or transfer certain lands;

Pages H5993–94

Medgar Evers House Study Act: H.R. 959, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House, located in Jackson, Mississippi;

Pages H5994–95

National Forest Small Tracts Act Amendments Act of 2015: H.R. 1214, amended, to amend the Small Tracts Act to expand the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land to enhance the management of the National Forest System, and to resolve minor encroachments, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 403 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 495;

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John Muir National Historic Site Expansion Act: H.R. 1289, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California;

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Elkhorn Ranch and White River National Forest Conveyance Act of 2015: H.R. 1554, to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado;

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National Liberty Memorial Clarification Act of 2015: H.R. 1949, amended, to provide for the consideration and submission of site and design proposals for the National Liberty Memorial approved for establishment in the District of Columbia, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 402 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 496;

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Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act: H.R. 2791, to require that certain Federal lands be held in trust by the United States for the benefit of certain Indian tribes in Oregon;

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New Mexico Navajo Water Settlement Technical Corrections Act: S. 501, to make technical corrections to the Navajo water rights settlement in the State of New Mexico; **Page H6002**

Providing for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska: S. 230, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska; and **Pages H6002–03**

Crags, Colorado Land Exchange Act of 2015: H.R. 2223, to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado. **Pages H6005–06**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:21 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m. **Page H6003**

Providing for a recess of the House for a joint meeting to receive Pope Francis of the Holy See: Agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Thursday, September 24, 2015 for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting Pope Francis of the Holy See. **Page H6005**

Recess: The House recessed at 8:31 p.m. and reconvened at 10:04 p.m. **Page H6012**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5987.

Senate Referral: S. 2036 was held at the desk. **Page H5987**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6003–04 and H6004–05. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW OF USDA ORGANIZATION AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION, PART II

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing to review USDA organization and program administration, part II. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Lisa Mensah, Under Secretary, Rural Development; Edward Avalos, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Alfred V. Almanza, Deputy Under Secretary, Food Safety; and Kevin W. Concannon, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Service.

OVERSIGHT OF FEDERAL FACILITY CLEANUP UNDER CERCLA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy concluded a hearing entitled “Oversight of Federal Facility Cleanup under CERCLA”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RAPID ACT; LAWSUIT ABUSE REDUCTION ACT OF 2015; DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD ACT OF 2015; AND BORN-LIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 348, the “RAPID Act”; H.R. 758, the “Law-suit Abuse Reduction Act of 2015”; H.R. 3134, the “Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015”; and H.R. 3504, the “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a structured rule for H.R. 348. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as an original bill for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–26 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule grants a closed rule for H.R. 758. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Lastly, in section 3, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of September 24, 2015, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or his designee shall consult

with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a closed rule for H.R. 3134. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in 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. Additionally, the rule grants a closed rule for H.R. 3504. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides that upon passage of H.R. 3134 the House shall be considered to have stricken all after the enacting clause of S. 764 and inserted the provisions of H.R. 3134, as passed by the House, and passed the Senate bill as so amended. The rule provides that upon passage of H.R. 3504 the House shall be considered to have stricken all after the enacting clause of S. 1603 and inserted the provisions of H.R. 3504, as passed by the House, and passed the Senate bill as so amended. Lastly, the rule provides that H. Res. 408 shall be laid on the table. Testimony was heard from Representatives Franks of Arizona, Cohen, Johnson of Georgia, Schakowsky, and Black.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider H.R. 2051, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the livestock mandatory price reporting requirements, 10 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine maritime security strategy in the Asia-Pacific region, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Adam J.

Szubin, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sarah Elizabeth Feinberg, of West Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, 9:45 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of and potential reforms to the Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on State Department processes in establishing tier rankings for the 2015 trafficking in persons report, 11:30 a.m., S–116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security, to hold hearings to examine biosimilar implementation, focusing on a progress report from FDA, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1814, to withhold certain Federal funding from sanctuary cities, S. 32, to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity, and the nominations of John Michael Vazquez, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Wilhelmina Marie Wright, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, and Paula Xinis, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, 10:15 a.m., SD–226.

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

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 702, to adapt to changing crude oil market conditions, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Protecting Infants: Ending Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Providers Who Violate the Law”, 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Dodd-Frank Act Five Years Later: Are We More Free?”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled “Strengthening U.S. Leadership in a Turbulent Global Economy”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, markup on H. Res. 277, honoring the Tunisian People for their democratic transition; and H. Res. 293, expressing concern over anti-Israel and anti-Semitic incitement within the Palestinian Authority; and hearing entitled “Major Beneficiaries of the Iran Deal: IRGC and Hezbollah”, 1:45 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Challenges to Religious Freedom in the Americas”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, markup on H.R. 3490, the “Strengthening State and Local Cyber Crime Fighting Act”; H.R. 3493, the

“Securing the Cities Act of 2015”; H.R. 3510, the “Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity Strategy Act of 2015”; and Committee Print of the “DHS Science and Technology Reform and Improvements Act of 2015”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, markup on H.R. 3350, the “Know the CBRN Terrorism Threats to Transportation Act”; H.R. 3361, the “Department of Homeland Security Insider Threat and Mitigation Act of 2015”; H.R. 3503, the “Department of Homeland Security Support to Fusion Centers Act of 2015”; H.R. 3505, the “Department of Homeland Security Clearance Management and Administration Act”; and Committee Print of the “Fusion Center Enhancement Act of 2015”, 1 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Transportation Security; and Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, joint hearing entitled “Safeguarding our Nation’s Surface Transportation Systems Against Evolving Terrorist Threats”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1428, the “Judicial Redress Act of 2015”; H.R. 1755, to amend title 36, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the congressional charter of the Disabled American Veterans; and H.R. 3449, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend honorary citizenship to otherwise qualified noncitizens who enlisted in the Philippines and died while serving on active duty with the United States Armed Forces during certain periods of hostilities, and for other purposes, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee; and the House Committee on Natural Resources, joint hearing entitled, “EPA’s Animas Spill”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Federal Air Marshal Service: Oversight”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 17, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Financing Main Street: How Dodd-Frank is Crippling Small Lenders and Access to Capital”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3106, the “Construction Reform Act of 2015”; H.R. 3016, the “VA Provider Equity Act”; H.R. 677, the “American Heroes COLA Act of 2015”; H.R. 1338, the “Dignified Interment of Our Veterans Act of 2015”; H.R. 1384, the “Honor America’s Guard-Reserve Retirees Act”; H.R. 2360, the “Career-Ready Student Veterans Act”; and H.R. 2915, the “Female Veteran Suicide Prevention Act”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2061, the “EACH Act”; H.R. 1270, the “Restoring Access to Medication Act of 2015”; H.R. 2940, the “Educator Tax Relief Act of 2015”; H.R. 765, the “Restaurant and Retail Jobs and Growth Act”; H.R. 2510, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation; H.R. 961, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the subpart F exemption for active financing income; and H.R. 1430, the “Permanent CFC Look-Through Act of 2015”, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, September 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, September 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.J. Res. 61, Hire More Heroes Act. The filing deadline for all second-degree amendments is at 10:30 a.m. At 11 a.m., Senate should expect up to three roll call votes on the motions to invoke cloture on McConnell Amendment No. 2656, McConnell Amendment No. 2640, and the joint resolution.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 348—RAPID Act (Subject to a Rule), H.R. 758—Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2015 (Subject to a Rule), H.R. 3134—Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015 (Subject to a Rule), and H.R. 3504—Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (Subject to a Rule). Possible consideration of measures under suspension of the rules.

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