

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7367–S7426

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2187–2193, and S. Res. 291. **Page S7413**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 113th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs”. (S. Rept. No. 114–156) **Page S7413**

Measures Passed:

Superstorm Sandy Relief and Disaster Loan Program Improvement Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 208, to improve the disaster assistance programs of the Small Business Administration, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7406–07**

Vitter Amendment No. 2747, relating to recovery improvements for small entities after disasters. **Page S7407**

Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 774, to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7407**

Honoring the Lives of the “El Faro” Crew Members: Senate agreed to S. Res. 291, honoring the lives of the 33 crew members aboard the *El Faro*. **Page S7425**

Commemorating the Discovery of the Polio Vaccine: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 108, commemorating the discovery of the polio vaccine and supporting efforts to eradicate the disease, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7425**

Measures Considered:

Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 754, to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7374–S7406, S7407–08**

Pending:

Burr/Feinstein Amendment No. 2716, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7374**

Burr (for Cotton) Modified Amendment No. 2581 (to Amendment No. 2716), to exempt from the capability and process within the Department of Homeland Security communication between a private entity and the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the United States Secret Service regarding cybersecurity threats. **Pages S7374, S7381**

Feinstein (for Coons) Modified Amendment No. 2552 (to Amendment No. 2716), to modify section 5 to require DHS to review all cyber threat indicators and countermeasures in order to remove certain personal information. **Page S7374**

Burr (for Flake/Franken) Amendment No. 2582 (to Amendment No. 2716), to terminate the provisions of the Act after six years. **Pages S7374, S7404–05**

Feinstein (for Franken) Further Modified Amendment No. 2612 (to Amendment No. 2716), to improve the definitions of cybersecurity threat and cyber threat indicator. **Pages S7374, S7381**

Burr (for Heller) Modified Amendment No. 2548 (to Amendment No. 2716), to protect information that is reasonably believed to be personal information or information that identifies a specific person. **Page S7374**

Feinstein (for Leahy) Modified Amendment No. 2587 (to Amendment No. 2716), to strike the FOIA exemption. **Page S7374**

Burr (for Paul) Modified Amendment No. 2564 (to Amendment No. 2716), to prohibit liability immunity to applying to private entities that break user or privacy agreements with customers. **Page S7374**

Feinstein (for Mikulski/Cardin) Amendment No. 2557 (to Amendment No. 2716), to provide

amounts necessary for accelerated cybersecurity in response to data breaches. **Page S7374**

Feinstein (for Whitehouse/Graham) Modified Amendment No. 2626 (to Amendment No. 2716), to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect Americans from cybercrime. **Pages S7374, S7388–98**

Feinstein (for Wyden) Modified Amendment No. 2621 (to Amendment No. 2716), to improve the requirements relating to removal of personal information from cyber threat indicators before sharing. **Page S7374**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that if cloture is invoked on Burr/Feinstein Amendment No. 2716 (listed above), Senate vote on or in relation to Burr (for Paul) Modified Amendment No. 2564 (to Amendment No. 2716) (listed above), with ten minutes divided in the usual form prior to the vote. **Page S7407**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, October 22, 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 to both Burr/Feinstein Amendment No. 2716, and the bill be at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 22, 2015. **Pages S7425–26**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency originally declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006, with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–29) **Page S7411**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, October 22, 2015, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Julie Furuta-Toy, of Wyoming, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Dennis B. Hankins, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, and Robert Porter Jackson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana; that Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations; and that no further motions be in order to the nominations. **Page S7408**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Linda I. Etim, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2021.

Lisa M. Fairfax, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2020.

Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2016.

Jean Elizabeth Manes, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador.

Scot Alan Marciel, of California, to be Ambassador to the Union of Burma.

Linda Swartz Taglialatela, of New York, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. **Page S7426**

Messages from the House: **Page S7411**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:01 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7426.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURE BIOTECHNOLOGY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine agriculture biotechnology, focusing on Federal regulation and stakeholder perspectives, after receiving testimony from Michael Gregoire, Associate Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture; William Jordan, Deputy Director, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency; Susan Mayne, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Joanna Lidback, The Farm at

Wheeler Mountain, Barton, Vermont, on behalf of Agri-Mark, Inc. and the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives; Daryl E. Thomas, Herr Foods Inc., Nottingham, Pennsylvania; Gary Hirshberg, Just Label It, Concord, New Hampshire; Gregory Jaffe, Center for Science in the Public Interest, Washington, D.C.; and Ronald Kleinman, MassGeneral Hospital for Children, Boston, Massachusetts.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine a review of rural development in 21st century America, after receiving testimony from Lisa Mensah, Under Secretary for Rural Development, Brandon McBride, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Sam Ridders, Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and Tony Hernandez, Administrator, Rural Housing Service, all of the Department of Agriculture; William Simpson, National Rural Water Association, Washington, D.C.; Stuart Lowry, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, Hays, Kansas, on behalf of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association; Brian Boisvert, Wilson Communications, Wilson, Kansas, on behalf of NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association; and Tony Chrisman, Chrisman Development Inc., Enterprise, Oregon.

FUTURE OF DEFENSE REFORM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of defense reform, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Gates, former Secretary of Defense.

REFORMING THE FEDERAL BUDGET PROCESS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reforming the Federal budget process, focusing on the need for action, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Peterson, Peter G. Peterson Foundation, New York, New York; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, former Director, Congressional Budget Office, American Action Forum, and Deborah Weinstein, Coalition on Human Needs, both of Washington, D.C.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGULATIONS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight concluded an oversight hearing to examine regulatory impact analyses for Environmental Protection Agency regulations, after receiving testimony from Diana Furchtgott-Roth, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, William L. Kovacs,

U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Sam Batkins, American Action Forum, all of Washington, D.C.; Mary B. Rice, American Thoracic Society, Boston, Massachusetts; and Rena Steinzor, University of Maryland Carey School of Law, Baltimore.

MIGRATION FROM CENTRAL AMERICA

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ongoing migration from Central America, focusing on fiscal year 2015 apprehensions and how improved evaluation efforts could enhance agency programs to reduce migration, after receiving testimony from Kimberly Gianopoulos, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Chris Cabrera, Border Patrol Agent, Rio Grande Valley Sector, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, on behalf of the National Border Patrol Council; Kevin Casas-Zamora, Inter-American Dialogue Peter D. Bell Rule of Law Program, and Duncan Wood, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Mexico Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and the Most Reverend Mark J. Seitz, Diocese of El Paso, El Paso, Texas, on behalf of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1419, to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1436, to require the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1443, to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources;

S. 1761, to take certain Federal land located in Lassen County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Susanville Indian Rancheria;

S. 1822, to take certain Federal land located in Tuolumne County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, with an amendment; and

H.R. 387, to provide for certain land to be taken into trust for the benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians.

ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Government Accountability Office report on Indian energy development, after receiving testimony from Lawrence S. Roberts, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Indian Affairs; Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; James M. Olguin, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, Colorado; Grant Stafne, Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation, Poplar, Montana; and Cameron Cuch, Crescent Point Energy U.S. Corporation, Denver, Colorado.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gary Richard Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Rebecca Goodgame Ebinger, to be United States District Judge for the

Southern District of Iowa, and Leonard Terry Strand, of South Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa, who were both introduced by Senator Ernst, and Mark A. Young, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, who was introduced by Senator Boxer, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

COMPUTER TECH SUPPORT SCAMS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine when computer tech support becomes a scam, after receiving testimony from Lois Greisman, Associate Director of the Division of Marketing Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; David Finn, Microsoft Digital Crimes Unit, Redmond, Washington; Lew Polivick, Legal Services of Southern Missouri, Charleston; and Frank Schiller, Peaks Island, Maine.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3776–3796; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 484–485 were introduced. **Pages H7088–90**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7090–91**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1384, to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law (H. Rept. 114–302); and

H. Res. 483, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3762) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016 (H. Rept. 114–303).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7031**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7036**

Unanimous consent agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of adopting a motion to recommit on H.R. 10 or H.R. 692 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20. **Pages H7041–47**

Default Prevention Act: The House passed H.R. 692, to ensure the payment of interest and principal of the debt of the United States, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 557.

Pages H7041–47, H7053–60

H. Res. 480, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 10) and (H.R. 692) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 245 yeas to 182 noes, Roll No. 554, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 553.

Pages H7041, H7051–52

Quarterly Financial Report Reauthorization Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3116, to extend by 15 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program. **Pages H7060–61**

SOAR Reauthorization Act: The House passed H.R. 10, to reauthorize the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 559. **Pages H7061–79**

Rejected the Scott (VA) motion to recommit to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 185 yeas to 242 nays, Roll No. 558.

Pages H7077–78

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendments recommended by the Committee on Oversight and

Government Reform now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. **Page H7070**

Agreed to:

Chaffetz amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–300) that makes small, technical changes to the bill. **Page H7073**

Rejected:

Norton amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–300) that sought to restore the requirement that the voucher program be evaluated using the strongest possible research design; would limit voucher students to no more than 50% of a school's total enrollment. **Page H7073**

H. Res. 480, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 10) and (H.R. 692) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 554, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 553. **Pages H7051–52**

National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2015—Rule for consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 481, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1937) to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness, by a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 556, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 555. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, October 22nd. **Pages H7047–50, H7052–53**

Consideration of Presidential Veto Message: Agreed by unanimous consent that if a veto message on H.R. 1735 is laid before the House, then after the message is read and the objections of the President are spread at large upon the Journal, further consideration of the veto message and the bill shall be postponed until the legislative day of November 5, 2015, and that on that legislative day, the House shall proceed to the constitutional question of reconsideration and dispose of such question without intervening motion. **Page H7079**

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

Amending title XI of the Social Security Act to clarify waiver authority regarding programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE programs): S. 1362, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to clarify waiver authority regarding programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE programs). **Pages H7079–80**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the related measures blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in that country, are to continue in effect beyond October 27, 2015—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–69). **Page H7080**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7041.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7051, H7051–52, H7052–53, H7053, H7077, H7077–78 and H7078–79. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN SUBSIDIES: JEOPARDIZING FREE TRADE AND HARMING AMERICAN FARMERS

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Foreign Subsidies: Jeopardizing Free Trade and Harming American Farmers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING DOD SECURITY COOPERATION: WHEN IT WORKS AND WHEN IT DOESN'T

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining DOD Security Cooperation: When It Works and When It Doesn't”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UPDATE ON THE F–35 JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled “Update on the F–35 Joint Strike Fighter Program”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Christopher C. Bogdan, USAF, Program Executive Officer, F–35 Joint Program Office; and Major General Jeffrey L. Harrigan, USAF, Director, F–35 Integration Office.

PROTECTING AMERICA'S WORKERS: REVIEWING MINE SAFETY POLICIES WITH STAKEHOLDERS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Protecting America's Workers: Reviewing

Mine Safety Policies with Stakeholders”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING WAYS TO IMPROVE VEHICLE AND ROADWAY SAFETY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Examining Ways to Improve Vehicle and Roadway Safety”. Testimony was heard from Mark Rosekind, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; Maneesha Mithal, Associate Director, Division of Privacy and Identity Protection, Federal Trade Commission; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE MEDICARE PART D MEDICATION THERAPY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining the Medicare Part D Medication Therapy Management Program”. Testimony was heard from Tim Gronniger, Director of Delivery System Reform, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO REDUCE REGULATORY BURDENS ON MAIN STREET JOB CREATORS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Examining Legislative Proposals to Reduce Regulatory Burdens on Main Street Job Creators”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF HOUSING IN AMERICA: FEDERAL HOUSING REFORMS THAT CREATE HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “The Future of Housing in America: Federal Housing Reforms that Create Housing Opportunity”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BURMA’S CHALLENGE: DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, PEACE, AND THE PLIGHT OF THE ROHINGYA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Burma’s Challenge: Democracy, Human Rights, Peace, and the Plight of the Rohingya”. Testimony was heard from Daniel R. Russel, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Jonathan Stivers, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

WORLDWIDE THREATS AND HOMELAND SECURITY CHALLENGES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Worldwide Threats and Homeland Security Challenges”. Testimony was heard from Jeh C. Johnson, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; Nicholas J. Rasmussen, Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and James B. Comey, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a markup on a committee resolution amending the Committee’s regulations, and for other purposes. The committee resolution was ordered reported, without amendment.

SECURE CREDENTIALS ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Secure Credentials Issued by the Government Publishing Office”. Testimony was heard from Davita Vance-Cooks, Director, Government Publishing Office; Michael A. Raponi, Inspector General, Government Publishing Office; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING LAW ENFORCEMENT USE OF CELL PHONE TRACKING DEVICES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Technology held a hearing entitled “Examining Law Enforcement Use of Cell Phone Tracking Devices”. Testimony was heard from Elana Tyrangiel, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice; and Seth Stodder, Assistant Secretary, Threat Prevention and Security Policy, Department of Homeland Security.

RESTORING AMERICANS’ HEALTHCARE FREEDOM RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3762, the “Restoring Americans’ Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by record vote of 9–2, a closed rule for H.R. 3762. The rule provides two hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget 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. In section 2, the rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported from the Rules Committee through the legislative day of October 23, 2015. Finally, in section 3, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of October 22, 2015, or October 23, 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. Testimony was heard from Chairman Price of Georgia and Representatives Van Hollen, Yarmuth, and Lummis.

CYBERSECURITY FOR POWER SYSTEMS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy; and Subcommittee on Research and Technology, held a joint hearing entitled “Cybersecurity for Power Systems”. Testimony was heard from Brent Stacey, Associate Lab Director for National and Homeland Science and Technology, Idaho National Lab; Greg Wilshusen, Director of Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

THE EMV DEADLINE AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES: PART II

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The EMV Deadline and What It Means for Small Businesses: Part II”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ABANDONED MINES IN THE UNITED STATES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR GOOD SAMARITAN CLEANUPS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “Abandoned Mines in the United States and Opportunities for Good Samaritan Cleanups”. Testimony was heard from Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING; AN EXAMINATION OF THE VA OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL’S FINAL REPORT ON THE INAPPROPRIATE USE OF POSITION AND THE MISUSE OF THE RELOCATION PROGRAM AND INCENTIVES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a business meeting on a motion to issue subpoenas to employees of Department of Veterans Affairs, to compel them to appear and provide testimony to the

House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs on the Inspector General’s final report, entitled “Inappropriate Use of Position and the Misuse of the Relocation Program and Incentives”; and a hearing entitled “An Examination of the VA Office of Inspector General’s Final Report on the Inappropriate Use of Position and the Misuse of the Relocation Program and Incentives”. The motion to issue a subpoena was agreed to. Testimony was heard from Linda Halliday, Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Joint Meetings

RUSSIAN VIOLATIONS OF THE RULE OF LAW

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine three case studies on Russian violations of the rule of law, focusing on how the United States should respond, after receiving testimony from Vladimir Kara-Murza, Open Russia Movement, Moscow, Russia; Tim Osborne, GML Ltd., London, United Kingdom; and Alan Larson, former Under Secretary of State for Economics, Covington and Burling LLP, and Stephen Rademaker, former Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Arms Control and the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Podesta Group, both of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine global challenges, United States national security strategy, and defense organization, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine Puerto Rico, focusing on the economy, debt, and options for Congress, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine improving pay flexibility in the Federal workforce, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2123, to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, and the nominations of Brian R. Martinotti, and Julien Xavier Neals, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Robert F. Rossiter, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, and Edward L. Stanton III, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, 10 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 Armed Services, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled “Countering Adversarial Propaganda: Charting an Effective Course in the Contested Information Environment”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled “Technical Assistance for Rural Water Systems: S. 611, the Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “EPA’s CO₂ Regulations for New and Existing Power Plants: Legal Perspectives”, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Future of Housing in America: 50 Years of HUD and Its Impact on Federal Housing Policy”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Words Have Consequences: Palestinian Authority Incitement to Violence”; markup on H. Res. 293, expressing concern over anti-Israel and anti-Semitic incitement within the Palestinian Authority, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Russian Engagement in the Western Hemisphere”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “North Korea: Back on the State Sponsor of Terrorism List?”, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing

entitled “Africa’s Great Lakes Region: A Security, Political, and Humanitarian Challenge”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “Ready and Resilient?: Examining Federal Emergency Preparedness and Response Capabilities”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 3094, the “Gulf States Red Snapper Management Authority Act”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “EPA’s 2015 Ozone Standard: Concerns Over Science and Implementation”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3763, the “Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015”; and other matters cleared for consideration, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Evaluating VA Primary Care Delivery, Workload, and Cost”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “A Review of VA’s VetSuccess on Campus Program”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Select Committee on Benghazi, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hearing 4”, regarding testimony of Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Thursday, October 22

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Thursday, October 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 754, Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act. The filing deadline for all second-degree amendments to both Burr/Feinstein Amendment No. 2716, and the bill is at 10:30 a.m.

At 11 a.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Burr/Feinstein Amendment No. 2716. If cloture is invoked on Burr/Feinstein Amendment No. 2716, there will then be ten minutes of debate equally divided prior to a vote on or in relation to Burr (for Paul) Modified Amendment No. 2564 (to Amendment No. 2716).

At 1:45 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of Julie Furuta-Toy, of Wyoming, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Dennis B. Hankins, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, and Robert Porter Jackson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana, with 1 roll call vote on confirmation expected, and voice votes expected on confirmation of the other nominees.

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