

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8445–S8505

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2363–2375, and S. Res. 331. **Page S8494**

Measures Reported:

S. 1616, to provide for the identification and prevention of improper payments and the identification of strategic sourcing opportunities by reviewing and analyzing the use of Federal agency charge cards. (S. Rept. No. 114–174)

S. 2044, to prohibit the use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict the ability of a consumer to communicate regarding the goods or services offered in interstate commerce that were the subject of the contract, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–175)

Report to accompany S. 2152, to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth. (S. Rept. No. 114–176)

S. 2368, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the efficiency of the Medicare appeals process. (S. Rept. No. 114–177) **Page S8492**

Measures Passed:

Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage Family Caregivers Act: Senate passed S. 1719, to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8499–S8500**

World Press Freedom Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 207, recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8500–01**

McConnell (for Casey) Amendment No. 2921, to amend the preamble. **Pages S8500–01**

Wreaths Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 331, designating December 12, 2015, as “Wreaths Across America Day”. **Pages S8501–02**

Conference Reports:

Every Child Achieves Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the conference report to accompany S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves. **Pages S8447–79**

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

By 84 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 333), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the conference report to accompany the bill. **Page S8453**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the vote on adoption of the conference report to accompany the bill occur at 10:45 a.m., on Wednesday, December 9, 2015. **Page S8453**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, with the time until 10:45 a.m. equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S8502**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Treaty with Jordan on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 114–4).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S8502**

Messages from the House: **Page S8484**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—333)	Page S8453

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:26 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8502.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PENTAGON POLICY, STRATEGY, AND PLANS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving the Pentagon's development of policy, strategy, and plans, after receiving testimony from Michèle A. Flournoy, former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Center for a New American Security; Michael G. Vickers, former Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence; and Commander Jeff Eggers, USN (Ret.), former Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, New America.

MAGNITUDE OF HUMAN IMPACT ON EARTH'S CLIMATE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting open inquiry in the debate over the magnitude of human impact on earth's climate, after receiving testimony from John R. Christy, University of Alabama in Huntsville Earth System Science Center, Huntsville; Judith A. Curry, Georgia Institute of Technology School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Atlanta; William Happer, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey; Mark Steyn, "A Disgrace to the Profession": *The World's Scientists—in Their Own Words—On Michael E Mann, His Hockey Stick, and Their Damage to Science, Volume One*, Woodsville, New Hampshire; and Rear Admiral David W. Titley, USN (Ret.), Pennsylvania State University Center for Solutions to Weather and Climate Risk, University Park.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CENTENNIAL ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2257, to prepare the National Park Service for its Centennial in 2016 and for a second century of protecting our national parks' natural, historic, and cultural resources for present and future generations, after receiving testimony from Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and Will Shafroth, National Park Foundation, Derrick Crandall, National Park Hospitality Association, and Theresa Pierno, National Parks Conservation Association, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 189, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 25th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia;

S. Res. 326, celebrating the 135th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Romania;

S. Res. 320, congratulating the people of Burma on their commitment to peaceful elections, with amendments; and

The nominations of Catherine Ebert-Gray, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, John D. Feeley, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, Linda Swartz Tagliatalata, 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, Todd C. Chapman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, Jean Elizabeth Manes, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, G. Kathleen Hill, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, 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, David McKean, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State, and Carlos J. Torres, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps.

MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Millennium Challenge Corporation, focusing on lessons learned after a decade and outlook for the future, after receiving testimony from Dana J. Hyde, Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation; Jim Kolbe, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, and Nancy Birdsall, Center for Global Development, both of Washington, D.C.; and Andrew S. Natsios, Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs and Texas A&M University George H. W. Bush School of Government and Public Service, College Station.

OPIOID ABUSE IN AMERICA

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine opioid abuse in America, focusing on facing the epidemic and examining solutions, after receiving testimony from Leana Wen, Baltimore City Health Commissioner, Baltimore, Maryland; Robert J. Valuck, University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and

Pharmaceutical Science, Aurora; and Eric Spofford, The Granite House, Derry, New Hampshire.

AB INBEV/SABMILLER MERGER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the AB InBev/SABMiller merger and the state of competition in the beer industry, after receiving testimony from Carlos Brito, AB InBev, Greenwich, Connecticut; Bob Pease, Brewers Association, and Diana L. Moss, American Antitrust Institute, both of Boulder, Colorado; Craig Purser, National Beer Wholesalers Association, Alexandria, Virginia; J. Wilson, Iowa Brewers Guild, Prescott; and Mark Hunter, Molson Coors, Denver, Colorado.

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: 9 public bills, H.R. 4185–4193; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 555, 557, 558 were introduced. **Page H9079**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H9080–81**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3578, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to strengthen and make improvements to the Directorate of Science and Technology of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–372);

H.R. 974, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to promulgate regulations to allow the use of hand-propelled vessels on certain rivers and streams that flow in and through certain Federal lands in Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–373);

H.R. 1452, to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance (H. Rept. 114–374); and H. Res. 556, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2130) to provide legal cer-

tainty to property owners along the Red River in Texas, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 114–375). **Pages H9078–79**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jolly to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9027**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H9032**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Buchanan wherein he resigned from the Committee on the Budget. **Page H9032**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 555, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H9032**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Thompson (CA) motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote with none voting “yea” and 399 voting “nay”, Roll No. 674. **Pages H9036–37**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Kildee motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote with none voting “yea”, 405 voting “nay”, and 2 answering “present”, Roll No. 675. **Pages H9040–41**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Swalwell (CA) motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 3 yeas

to 399 nays with 2 answering “present”, Roll No. 676. **Page H9041**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Speier motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 4 yeas to 394 nays with 2 answering “present”, Roll No. 677. **Page H9045**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Capps motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 7 yeas to 398 nays with 4 answering “present”, Roll No. 678. **Page H9047**

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

Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers Reform and Improvement Act of 2015: H.R. 3842, amended, to improve homeland security, including domestic preparedness and response to terrorism, by reforming Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers to provide training to first responders, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 680; **Pages H9037–40, H9062**

HSA Technical Corrections Act: H.R. 3859, amended, to make technical corrections to the Homeland Security Act of 2002; **Pages H9041–47**

Visa Waiver Program Improvement Act of 2015: H.R. 158, amended, to clarify the grounds for ineligibility for travel to the United States regarding terrorism risk, to expand the criteria by which a country may be removed from the Visa Waiver Program, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit a report on strengthening the Electronic System for Travel Authorization to better secure the international borders of the United States and prevent terrorists and instruments of terrorism from entering the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 679; **Pages H9047–62**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide enhanced security measures for the visa waiver program, and for other purposes.”. **Pages H9061–62**

Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act of 2015: H.R. 3766, amended, to direct the President to establish guidelines for United States foreign development and economic assistance programs. **Pages H9063–67**

Conference report filing: Agreed that the managers on the part of the House have until midnight tonight, December 8th, to file the conference report to accompany H.R. 644, to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities. **Page H9062**

Providing for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and

small rural hospitals through 2015: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 1461, to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2015. **Pages H9062–63**

Designating the arboretum at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia, as the “Phyllis E. Galanti Arboretum”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 2693, to designate the arboretum at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia, as the “Phyllis E. Galanti Arboretum”. **Page H9063**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9036–37, H9040, H9041, H9045, H9047, H9061, H9062. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PROMPT GLOBAL STRIKE: AMERICAN AND FOREIGN DEVELOPMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “Prompt Global Strike: American and Foreign Developments”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AN OVERDUE CHECKUP PART II: EXAMINING THE ACA’S STATE INSURANCE MARKETPLACES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “An Overdue Checkup Part II: Examining the ACA’s State Insurance Marketplaces”. Testimony was heard from Andy Slavitt, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Financial Stability Oversight Council”. Testimony was heard from Mary Jo White, Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission; Timothy G. Massad, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; S. Roy Woodall, Jr., Independent Member with Insurance Expertise, Financial Stability Oversight Council; Debbie Matz, Chairwoman, National Credit Union Administration; Melvin L. Watt, Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency; Martin J. Gruenberg, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation;

Richard Cordray, Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection; and Thomas J. Curry, Comptroller of the Currency, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 2187, the “Fair Investment Opportunities for Professional Experts Act”; H.R. 2205, the “Data Security Act of 2015”; H.R. 2287, the “National Credit Union Administration Budget Transparency Act”; H.R. 3700, the “Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2015”; H.R. 3784, the “SEC Small Business Advocate Act of 2015”; H.R. 3791, to raise the consolidated assets threshold under the small bank holding company policy statement, and for other purposes; H.R. 4168, the “Small Business Capital Formation Enhancement Act”; and Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing Resolution of 2016.

CIVIL NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH PAKISTAN: PROSPECTS AND CONSEQUENCES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Civil Nuclear Cooperation with Pakistan: Prospects and Consequences”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DRUG RESISTANT TUBERCULOSIS: THE NEXT GLOBAL HEALTH CRISIS?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Drug Resistant Tuberculosis: The Next Global Health Crisis?”. Testimony was heard from Tom Frieden, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Ariel Pablos-Mendez, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development.

EXAMINING TSA’S GLOBAL EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE HOMELAND FROM AVIATION THREATS AND ENHANCE SECURITY AT LAST POINT OF DEPARTURE AIRPORTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “Examining TSA’s Global Efforts to Protect the Homeland from Aviation Threats and Enhance Security at Last Point of Departure Airports”. Testimony was heard from Joseph P. Terrell, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Global Strategies, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

ENSURING CERTAINTY FOR ROYALTY PAYMENTS ON FEDERAL RESOURCE PRODUCTION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Ensuring Certainty for Royalty Payments on Federal Resource Production”. Testimony was heard from Gregory Gould, Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 3764, the “Tribal Recognition Act of 2015” (Part II). Testimony was heard from Sean D. Reyes, Attorney General, State of Utah; Nicholas H. Mullane II, Selectman, Town of North Stonington, Connecticut; and public witnesses.

REVIEW OF THE NEW LONDON EMBASSY PROJECT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Review of the New London Embassy Project”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of State officials: Lydia Muniz, Director, Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations; Gregory B. Starr, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Diplomatic Security; Steve A. Linick, Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General.

EXAMINING THE STREAM PROTECTION RULE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Interior; and Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules, held a joint hearing entitled “Examining the Stream Protection Rule”. Testimony was heard from Janice Schneider, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior.

MOVING AHEAD FOR PROGRESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY PROGRAM CONSOLIDATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Assets held a hearing entitled “Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Program Consolidation”. Testimony was heard from Carlos Swonke, Director, Environmental Affairs, Texas Department of Transportation; Thomas G. Echikson, Chief Counsel, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; and a public witness.

RED RIVER PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2130, the “Red River Private Property Protection Act”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 2130. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill 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. In section 2, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the calendar day of December 13, 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 Representatives McClintock, Polis, and Cole.

THE FUTURE OF BIOTECHNOLOGY: SOLUTIONS FOR ENERGY, AGRICULTURE AND MANUFACTURING

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “The Future of Biotechnology: Solutions for Energy, Agriculture and Manufacturing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 3262, to provide for the conveyance of land of the Illiana Health Care System of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Danville, Illinois; H.R. 3484, the “Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Act of 2015”; H.R. 4056, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs

to convey to the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs all right, title, and interest of the United States to the property known as “The Community Living Center” at the Lake Baldwin Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic, Orlando, Florida; draft of a bill to amend the Veterans’ Benefits Programs Improvement Act of 1991 to authorize VA to sell Pershing Hall; and VA’s legislative proposal regarding fiscal year 2016 construction projects. Testimony was heard from Representatives Shimkus; Ted Lieu of California; Mica; McNerney; and Coffman; Stella S. Fiotes, Director of the Office of Construction and Facilities Management, Office of Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the United States strategy to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and United States policy toward Iraq and Syria, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Marcel John Lettre, II, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, Gabriel Camarillo, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, John E. Sparks, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law, and the following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Vice Adm. Kurt W. Tidd, to be Admiral, all of the Department of Defense, 2 p.m., SD–106.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine moving to a stronger economy with a regulatory budget, 10:30 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 571, to amend the Pilot’s Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, S. 2276, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation, H.R. 2843, to require certain improvements in the Transportation Security Administration’s PreCheck expedited screening program, S. 1886, to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, S. 1935, to require the Secretary of Commerce to undertake

certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency, S. 2058, to require the Secretary of Commerce to maintain and operate at least one Doppler weather radar site within 55 miles of each city in the United States that has a population of more than 700,000 individuals, S. 2319, to amend the Communications Act of 1934, an original bill entitled, “Airport Security Enhancement and Oversight Act”, the nomination of Jessica Rosenworcel, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2015 (Reappointment), and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine United Nations peacekeeping and opportunities for reform, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, to hold hearings to examine the political and security crisis in Burundi, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 2171, to reauthorize the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act, S. 2127, to provide appropriate protections to probationary Federal employees, to provide the Special Counsel with adequate access to information, to provide greater awareness of Federal whistleblower protections, S. 1915, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, S. 1492, to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, H.R. 1557, to amend the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 to strengthen Federal antidiscrimination laws enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and expand accountability within the Federal government, an original bill entitled, “Federal Asset Sale and Transfer Act”, an original bill entitled, “Federal Real Property Management Reform Act of 2015”, and an original bill entitled, “Administrative Leave Act of 2015”, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Susan Paradise Baxter, Robert John Colville, and Marilyn Jean Horan, each to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Mary S. McElroy, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, and John Milton Younge, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: business meeting to consider the nomination of Darryl L. DePriest, of Illinois, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: business meeting to markup S. 290, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and S. 425, to amend title 38,

United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration programs and to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under such programs, 2:30 p.m., SR–418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine sudden price spikes in off-patent drugs, focusing on perspectives from the front lines, 2:30 p.m., SD–G50.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing entitled “Commodity in Focus: Stress in Cotton Country”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research, hearing on oversight of USDA’s use of Census of Agriculture authority to acquire farmers’ personal financial information, 2 p.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Concurrent Receipt of Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)”, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled “Game Changing Innovations and the Future of Surface Warfare”, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “How the Administration’s Regulatory Onslaught is Affecting Workers and Job Creators”, 10 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining Legislation to Improve Health Care and Treatment”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2187, the “Fair Investment Opportunities for Professional Experts Act”; H.R. 2205, the “Data Security Act of 2015”; H.R. 2287, the “National Credit Union Administration Budget Transparency Act”; H.R. 3700, the “Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2015”; H.R. 3784, the “SEC Small Business Advocate Act of 2015”; H.R. 3791, to raise the consolidated assets threshold under the small bank holding company policy statement, and for other purposes; H.R. 4168, the “Small Business Capital Formation Enhancement Act”; and Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing Resolution of 2016 (continued), time to be determined, 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1654, to authorize the direct provision of defense articles, defense services, and related training to the Kurdistan Regional Government, and for other purposes; H.R. 3654, the “Combat Terrorist Use of Social Media Act of 2015”; H.R. 4154, the “Taiwan Naval Support Act”, H. Res. 346, condemning the use of toxic chemicals as weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic; and H. Res. 536, supporting freedom of the press in Latin America and the Caribbean and condemning violations of press freedom and violence against journalists, bloggers, and individuals exercising their right to freedom of speech, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Year in Review: U.S. Policy Toward a Changing Western Hemisphere”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Fulfilling the Humanitarian Imperative: Assisting Victims of ISIS Violence”, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services”, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Department of the Interior’s Role in the EPA’s Animas Spill”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 1838, the “Clear Creek National Recreation Area and Conservation Act”; and H.R. 3668, the “California Minerals, Off-Road Recreation, and Conservation Act”, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, markup on committee report entitled “United States Secret Service: An Agency in Crisis”; H.R. 4180, to improve Federal agency financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks, and to improve Federal agencies’ development and use of data analytics for the purpose of identifying, preventing, and responding to fraud, including improper payments; S. 1698, the “Treatment of Certain Payments in Eugenics Compensation Act”; H.R. 1132, to designate the facility

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