

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 2012, Energy Policy Modernization Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2820–2830, and S. Res. 432–434. **Page S2328**

Measures Passed:

Energy Policy Modernization Act: By 85 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 54), Senate passed S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States. **Pages S2207–89**

Global Food Security Act: Senate passed S. 1252, to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote inclusive, sustainable, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2344–50**

Fischer (for Casey) Amendment No. 3837, relating to global food security. **Pages S2346–47**

National Lineman Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 433, recognizing linemen, the profession of linemen, and the contributions of these brave men and women who protect public safety, and expressing support for the designation of April 18, 2016, as “National Lineman Appreciation Day”. **Page S2350**

Parkinson’s Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 434, supporting the designation of April 2016 as “Parkinson’s Awareness Month”. **Page S2350**

Measures Considered:

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2028, making appropriations for energy and water development and

related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2294–S2323**

Adopted:

By 70 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 55), Alexander (for Schatz) Amendment No. 3802 (to Amendment No. 3801), to modify funding for certain projects of the Department of Energy. **Pages S2320–21**

Rejected:

By 25 yeas to 71 nays (Vote No. 56), Alexander (for Ernst) Amendment No. 3803 (to Amendment No. 3801), to eliminate funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Delta Regional Authority, the Denali Commission, and the Northern Border Regional Commission. **Pages S2320–22**

Pending:

Alexander/Feinstein Amendment No. 3801, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2301**

Alexander Amendment No. 3804 (to Amendment No. 3801), to modify provisions relating to Nuclear Regulatory Commission fees. **Page S2301**

Alexander (for Hoeven) Amendment No. 3811 (to Amendment No. 3801), to prohibit the use of funds relating to a certain definition. **Pages S2322–23**

Pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of April 18, 2016, the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill was withdrawn. **Page S2294**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the committee-reported substitute to the bill be withdrawn and that Alexander/Feinstein Amendment No. 3801 (listed above) remain pending and be considered the committee-reported substitute. **Page S2314**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11:45 a.m., on Thursday, April 21, 2016, Senate vote on or in relation to Alexander (for Hoeven) Amendment No. 3811 (listed above); that it be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold for adoption; and that no second-degree amendments be in order prior to the vote. **Page S2322**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, April 21, 2016.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

- 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David V. Brewer, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2016.

Gayle A. Nachtigal, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2018.

Geeta Pasi, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad.

- 1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—56)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:40 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2016. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2350.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEFENSE INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for Defense innovation and research, after

receiving testimony from Frank Kendall, Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Stephen Welby, Assistant Secretary for Research and Engineering, and Arati Prabhakar, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: EPA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Navy and Marine Corps aviation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Paul A. Grosklags, USN, Commander, Naval Air Systems, and Rear Admiral Michael C. Manazir, USN, Director, Air Warfare (OPNAV N98), both of the Department of the Navy, and Lieutenant General Jon M. Davis, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, United States Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the current state of research, diagnosis, and treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, after receiving testimony from Captain Walter M. Greenhalgh, MC, USN, Director for the National Intrepid Center of Excellence Directorate, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and Captain Michael J. Colston, MC, USN, Director, Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, both of the Department of Defense; and Amy E. Street, Deputy Director, Women’s Health Sciences Division, National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Department of Veterans Affairs.

RESTORING STABILITY TO GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine restoring stability to government operations, after receiving testimony from Kevin A. Hassett, and Norman J. Ornstein, both of American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Philip

G. Joyce, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, College Park.

U.S. MARITIME INDUSTRY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded a hearing to examine the state of the United States maritime industry, focusing on stakeholder perspectives, after receiving testimony from Perry M. Bourne, Tyson Foods, Inc., Dakota Dunes, South Dakota; Mark McAndrews, Port of Pascagoula, Pascagoula, Mississippi, on behalf of the American Association of Port Authorities; Michael G. Roberts, Crowley Maritime Corp., Jacksonville, Florida; and Klaus Luhta, International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots, Linthicum Heights, Maryland.

WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine new approaches and innovative technologies to improve water supply, after receiving testimony from James C. Dalton, Chief, Engineering and Construction, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; Denis Bilodeau, Orange County Water District, Fountain Valley, California; and M. Kevin Price, Middle East Desalination Research Center, Muscat, Oman.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill to prevent identity theft and tax refund fraud; and

An original bill entitled, “Taxpayer Protection Act of 2016”.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE ON THE MOSUL DAM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on an Administration update on the Mosul Dam from Joseph S. Pennington, Deputy Secretary of State for Iraq, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; Lieutenant Colonel Brian Randolph, Strategic Plans and Policy, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Brigadier General Michael A. Fantini, Principal

Director for Middle East Policy, Office of the Under Secretary for Policy, Office of the Secretary, both of the Department of Defense; and Mona Yacoubian, Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Middle East, and Jeremy Konyndyk, Director, Office of United States Foreign Disaster Assistance, both of the United States Agency for International Development.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE STATE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the administrative state, focusing on an examination of Federal rulemaking, after receiving testimony from Jonathan Turley, The George Washington University Law School, Bradford P. Campbell, Drinker Biddle and Reath, LLP, William L. Kovacs, United States Chamber of Commerce, and Robert Weissman, Public Citizen, all of Washington, D.C.; and Randolph J. May, The Free State Foundation, Potomac, Maryland.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Inga S. Bernstein, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, who was introduced by Senators Warren and Markey, Stephanie A. Gallagher, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, who was introduced by Senators Mikulski and Cardin, Suzanne Mitchell, and Scott L. Palk, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, who were introduced by Senator Lankford, and Ronald G. Russell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, who was introduced by Senators Hatch and Lee, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Carla D. Hayden, of Maryland, to be Librarian of Congress, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Cardin and Mikulski, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 4996–5016; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 89–90; and H. Res. 694–695, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4293, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to ensure that retirement investors receive advice in their best interests, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–511);

H.R. 4294, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that retirement investors receive advice in their best interests and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–512, Part 1); and

H.R. 4294, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that retirement investors receive advice in their best interests, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–512, Part 2).

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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.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:47 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend John DeSocio, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Elmira, New York.

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IRS Oversight While Eliminating Spending Act of 2016: The House passed H.R. 4885, to require that user fees collected by the Internal Revenue Service be deposited into the general fund of the Treasury, by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 161.

Pages H1863–68, H1876–77

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–50 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill. **Page H1863**

H. Res. 687, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1206) and (H.R. 4885) was agreed to yesterday, April 19th.

Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of adopting a motion to recommit on H.R. 1206 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20.

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No Hires for the Delinquent IRS Act: The House passed H.R. 1206, to prohibit the hiring of additional Internal Revenue Service employees until the Secretary of the Treasury certifies that no employee of the Internal Revenue Service has a seriously delinquent tax debt, by a recorded vote of 254 yeas to 170 noes, Roll No. 160.

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Rejected the Kildee motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 177 yeas to 245 nays, Roll No. 159.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–47 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill. **Page H1868**

H. Res. 687, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1206) and (H.R. 4885) was agreed to yesterday, April 19th.

Recess: The House recessed at 2:18 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, April 21.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H1863.

Senate Referral: S. 2755 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1875, H1875–76, and H1876–77. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a markup on the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2017. The Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a markup on H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year

2017. H.R. 4909 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a markup on H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. H.R. 4909 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a markup on H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. H.R. 4909 was forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

FISCAL YEAR 2017 NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power; and Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, held a joint hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2017 Nuclear Regulatory Commission Budget”. Testimony was heard from the following Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials: Stephen Burns, Chairman; Jeff Baran, Commissioner; William Ostendorff, Commissioner; and Kristine Svinicki, Commissioner.

THE PRICING OF FETAL TISSUE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Select Investigative Panel of the Committee on Energy and Commerce held a hearing entitled “The Pricing of Fetal Tissue”. Testimony was heard from Senators Shaheen and Sasse; and public witnesses.

HOW SECURE ARE U.S. BIORESEARCH LABS? PREVENTING THE NEXT SAFETY LAPSE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “How Secure Are U.S. Bioresearch Labs? Preventing the Next Safety Lapse”. Testimony was heard from Major General Brian C. Lein, Commanding General, Department of Defense; Steve Monroe, Associate Director for Laboratory Science and Safety, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; John Neumann, Director, Government Accountability Office; Segaran Pillai, Director, Food and Drug Administration; and Lawrence A. Tabak, Principal Deputy Director, National Institutes of Health.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 4978, the “Nurturing and Supporting Healthy Babies Act”; H.R. 4641, to provide for the establishment of an inter-

agency task force to review, modify, and update best practices for pain management and prescribing pain medication, and for other purposes; H.R. 3680, the “Co-Prescribing to Reduce Overdoses Act of 2015”; H.R. 3691, the “Improving Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women Act”; H.R. 1818, the “Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act”; the “Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Expansion and Modernization Act”; H.R. 3250, the “DXM Abuse Prevention Act”; H.R. 4969, the “John Thomas Decker Act of 2016”; H.R. 4586, “Lali’s Law”; H.R. 4599, the “Reducing Unused Medications Act of 2016”; H.R. 4976, the “Opioid Review Modernization Act”; and the “Examining Opioid Treatment Infrastructure Act of 2016”. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, as amended: H.R. 4641, H.R. 3680, H.R. 4969, H.R. 4586, H.R. 4599, and the “Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Expansion and Modernization Act”. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, without amendment: H.R. 4978, H.R. 3691, H.R. 1818, H.R. 3250, H.R. 4976, and the “Examining Opioid Treatment Infrastructure Act of 2016”.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1150, the “Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act of 2015”; H.R. 3694, the “Strategy to Oppose Predatory Organ Trafficking Act”; H.R. 4939, the “United States-Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act of 2016”; H. Con. Res. 88, reaffirming the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances as the cornerstone of United States-Taiwan relations; and S. 2143, to provide for the authority for the successors and assigns of the Starr-Camargo Bridge Company to maintain and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Rio Grande City, Texas, and for other purposes. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1150, H.R. 3694, and H. Con. Res. 88. The following legislation was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 4939 and S. 2143.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on S. 1890, the “Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016”; S. 125, the “Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program Reauthorization Act of 2015”; H.R. 3380, the “Transnational Drug Trafficking Act of 2015”; and H.R. 4985, to amend the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act to protect classified information in Federal court challenges. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: S. 1890, S. 125, H.R. 3380, and H.R. 4985.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 1869, the “Environmental Compliance Cost Transparency Act of 2015”; H.R. 2993, the “Water Recycling Acceleration Act of 2015”; and H.R. 4582, the “Save Our Salmon (SOS) Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gosar and Matsui; Tom Iseman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Water and Science, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

EXPLORING CURRENT NATURAL RESOURCE RESEARCH EFFORTS AND THE FUTURE OF AMERICA’S LAND-GRANT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing entitled “Exploring Current Natural Resource Research Efforts and the Future of America’s Land-Grant Colleges and Universities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL CYBERSECURITY DETECTION, RESPONSE, AND MITIGATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Technology held a hearing entitled “Federal Cybersecurity Detection, Response, and Mitigation”. Testimony was heard from Sanjeev Bhagowalia, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Information Systems and Chief Information Officer, Department of the Treasury; Steven C. Taylor, Chief Information Officer, Department of State; Andy Ozment, Assistant Secretary for Cybersecurity and Communications, Department of Homeland Security; and a public witness.

BARRIERS TO ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT DELISTING, PART I

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Interior held a hearing entitled “Barriers to Endangered Species Act Delisting, Part I”. Testimony was heard from Joel Bousman, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Sublette County, Wyoming; and public witnesses.

AN OVERVIEW OF FUSION ENERGY SCIENCE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “An Overview of Fusion Energy Science”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT: HOW CYBER ATTACKS THREATEN BOTH

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Small Business and the Federal

Government: How Cyber-Attacks Threaten Both”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; H.R. 4957, to designate the Federal building located at 99 New York Avenue, N.E., in the District of Columbia as the “Ariel Rios Federal Building”; H.R. 4937, the “Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act of 2016”; and H.R. 4231, to direct the Librarian of Congress to obtain a stained glass panel depicting the seal of the District of Columbia and install the panel among the stained glass panels depicting the seals of States which overlook the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4937 and H.R. 4231. H.R. 4957 was ordered reported, without amendment. The General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were approved.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 2460, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans; H.R. 3956, the “VA Health Center Management Stability and Improvement Act”; H.R. 3974, the “Grow Our Own Directive: Physician Assistant Employment and Education Act of 2015”; H.R. 3989, the “Support Our Military Caregivers Act”; draft legislation to ensure that each VA medical facility complies with requirements relating to scheduling veterans for health care appointments and to improve the uniform application of directives; and draft legislation to direct VA to establish a list of drugs that require an increased level of informed consent. Testimony was heard from Representatives Zeldin; Bost; Kuster; Stefanik; and Walorski; Maureen McCarthy, M.D., Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

A REVIEW OF VETERANS PREFERENCE IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HIRING

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “A Review of Veterans Preference in Federal Government Hiring”. Testimony was heard from Michael H. Michaud, Assistant Secretary, Veterans’ Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Carin M. Otero, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Resources Policy and Planning, Office of

Human Resources and Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Mark D. Reinhold, Associate Director for Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4923, the “American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016”. H.R. 4923 was ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

TAX CODE COMPLEXITY AND THE ECONOMY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax code complexity and the economy, after receiving testimony from Arthur B. Laffer, Laffer Associates, Nashville, Tennessee; Scott A. Hodge, Tax Foundation, and Jared Bernstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, both of Washington, D.C.; and Joe Grossbauer, GNET Technologies, Chesterton, Indiana, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D355)

S. 192, to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965. Signed on April 19, 2016. (Public Law 114–144)

S. 483, to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse. Signed on April 19, 2016. (Public Law 114–145)

S. 2512, to expand the tropical disease product priority review voucher program to encourage treatments for Zika virus. Signed on April 19, 2016. (Public Law 114–146)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for commerce, justice, science, and related agencies, and proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for transportation, housing and urban development, and related agencies, 10:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, and General Lori J. Robinson, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and

to be Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 1167, to modify the boundaries of the Pole Creek Wilderness, the Owyhee River Wilderness, and the North Fork Owyhee Wilderness and to authorize the continued use of motorized vehicles for livestock monitoring, herding, and grazing in certain wilderness areas in the State of Idaho, S. 1423, to designate certain Federal lands in California as wilderness, S. 1510, to designate and expand wilderness areas in Olympic National Forest in the State of Washington, and to designate certain rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park as wild and scenic rivers, S. 1699, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas and to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the State of Oregon, S. 1777, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, S. 2018, to convey, without consideration, the reversionary interests of the United States in and to certain non-Federal land in Glennallen, Alaska, S. 2223, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Bureau of Land Management land from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery, S. 2379, to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Tucson, Arizona, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversionary interest to the City, and S. 2383, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Utah from all forms of public appropriation, to provide for the shared management of the withdrawn land by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Air Force to facilitate enhanced weapons testing and pilot training, enhance public safety, and provide for continued public access to the withdrawn land, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and State land, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine enabling advanced reactors, including S. 2795, to modernize the regulation of nuclear energy, 9:45 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 9:15 a.m., SD–342.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on Intelligence Community, 10 a.m., H–405 Capitol. This hearing will be closed.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, markup on H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, markup on H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, markup on H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, 12 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, markup on H.J. Res. 88, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to the definition of the term “Fiduciary”, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled “EPA’s

Brownfields Program: Empowering Cleanup and Encouraging Economic Redevelopment”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Continued Oversight of the SEC’s Offices and Divisions”, 9:15 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on the Interior; and Subcommittee on Healthcare, Benefits and Administrative Rules, joint hearing entitled “Barriers to Endangered Species Act Delisting, Part II”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, April 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, April 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2028, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, and vote on or in relation to Alexander (for Hoeven) Amendment No. 3811, at 11:45 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 3724—Ensuring Integrity in the IRS Workforce Act and H.R. 4890—To impose a ban on the payment of bonuses to employees of the Internal Revenue Service until the Secretary of the Treasury develops and implements a comprehensive customer service strategy.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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