

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2833–S2914

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2935–2942, and S. Res. 468. **Pages S2877–78**

Measures Reported:

S. 2937, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2017. **Page S2877**

Measures Passed:

Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act: Senate passed S. 2040, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Cornyn/Schumer Amendment No. 3945, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2847–48**

National Police Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 468, designating the week of May 15 through May 21, 2016, as “National Police Week”. **Pages S2910–11**

North Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act: Senate passed S. 1335, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S2911**

Collins (for Sullivan) Amendment No. 4003, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2911**

Measures Considered:

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S2835–45, S2848–69

Adopted:

Collins (for King) Amendment No. 3934 (to Amendment No. 3896), to authorize the use of

funds to carry out a matching program with the Department of Education to identify veterans who are unemployable due to a service-connected disability and who are also borrowers of Federal student loans in order to streamline and expedite the process through which such veterans may discharge their Federal student loans. **Page S2868**

Collins (for Rubio) Amendment No. 3918 (to Amendment No. 3896), to shorten the time given to a property owner to respond to a violation of a contract and the time given to the Secretary to develop a Compliance, Disposition, and Enforcement Plan. **Page S2868**

Collins (for Heller) Amendment No. 3905 (to Amendment No. 3896), to prohibit funds from being used to provide housing assistance benefits to individuals convicted of certain criminal offenses. **Page S2868**

Collins (for Rubio) Amendment No. 3926 (to Amendment No. 3896), to determine the effectiveness of Real Estate Assessment Center physical inspections. **Page S2868**

Collins (for Manchin) Amendment No. 3961 (to Amendment No. 3896), to allow airports to use airport improvement program funds to repair damage to runway safety areas caused by natural disasters. **Pages S2868–69**

Collins (for Booker) Amendment No. 3941 (to Amendment No. 3896), to slightly modify the scope of projects eligible for railroad safety grants. **Page S2869**

Kirk (for Tester/Kirk) Amendment No. 3914 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to Congress a report evaluating force structure and military construction requirements in Europe. **Page S2869**

Kirk/Tester Amendment No. 3938 (to Amendment No. 3896), to make a technical correction to section 132 of title I of division J of Public Law 114–113. **Page S2869**

Kirk (for Heller) Amendment No. 3948 (to Amendment No. 3896), to modify the contents of the quarterly report on disability compensation claims. **Page S2869**

Kirk (for Heitkamp/Collins) Amendment No. 3954 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require coordination within the Department of Veterans Affairs to meet the readjustment and psychological counseling needs of veterans in rural and highly rural communities. **Page S2869**

Kirk (for Bennet) Amendment No. 3971 (to Amendment No. 3896), to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training to compete on the United States Olympic Team. **Page S2869**

Pending:

Collins Amendment No. 3896, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2835**

McConnell (for Lee) Amendment No. 3897 (to Amendment No. 3896), to prohibit the use of funds to carry out a rule and notice of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Pages S2835, S2861–62**

McConnell (for Nelson/Rubio) Amendment No. 3898 (to Amendment No. 3896), making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2016 to respond to Zika virus. **Page S2835**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 3899 (to Amendment No. 3896), making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. **Page S2835**

McConnell (for Blunt) Modified Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896), Zika response and preparedness. **Pages S2835, S2852–61**

Collins (for Blunt) Amendment No. 3946 (to Amendment No. 3900), to require the periodic submission of spending plan updates to the Committee on Appropriations. **Page S2852**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Collins Amendment No. 3896 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of McConnell (for Blunt) Modified Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896) (listed above). **Page S2867**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Collins Amendment No. 3896. **Page S2867**

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

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 73), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on McConnell (for Nelson/Rubio) Amendment No. 3898 (to Amendment No. 3896) (listed above). **Page S2851**

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 74), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having

voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on McConnell (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 3899 (to Amendment No. 3896) (listed above). **Pages S2851–52**

By 68 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 75), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McConnell (for Blunt) Modified Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896). **Page S2852**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the Monday, May 16, 2016 adoption of Collins (for Feinstein/Portman) Amendment No. 3922 (to Amendment No. 3896), to allow jurisdictions to maintain access to certain funds deposited in their HOME Investment Trust Fund that would otherwise expire, be modified with the changes at the desk. **Pages S2844–45**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 18, 2016; and that all time during the adjournment and morning business count post-cloture on McConnell (for Blunt) Modified Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896). **Page S2911**

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 that was originally declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997, with respect to Burma; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–48) **Page S2876**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Eric K. Fanning, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of the Army. **Page S**

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

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

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

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.

Georgette Mosbacher, of New York, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2018.

Todd A. Fisher, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2016.

Deven J. Parekh, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2016.

Robert Annan Riley III, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Karen Brevard Stewart, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Matthew John Matthews, of Oregon, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum.

Marcela Escobari, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Swati A. Dandekar, of Iowa, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador.

Adam H. Sterling, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic.

Kelly Keiderling-Franz, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

Stephen Michael Schwartz, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia.

Christine Ann Elder, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia.

Elizabeth Holzhall Richard, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic. **Page S2914**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—75) **Pages S2851–52**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2911.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017".

STATUS OF ADVANCED NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of advanced nuclear technologies, after receiving testimony from Mark Peters, Director, Idaho National Laboratory, Department of Energy; Jacob DeWitte, Oklo Inc., Sunnyvale, California; John Gilleland, TerraPower, Bellevue, Washington; John L. Hopkins, NuScale Power, Portland, Oregon; and Stephen E. Kuczynski, Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia.

WATER AND POWER LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 2524, to insure adequate use and access to the existing Bolts Ditch headgate and ditch segment within the Holy Cross Wilderness in Eagle County, Colorado, S. 2533, to provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California and provide for long-term investments in drought resiliency throughout the Western United States, S. 2616, to modify certain cost-sharing and revenue provisions relating to the Arkansas Valley Conduit, Colorado, S. 2902, to provide for long-term water supplies, optimal use of existing water supply infrastructure, and protection of existing water rights, and S. 2907, to amend the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015, to strike the termination date for funding for pilot projects to increase Colorado River System water in Lake Mead, after receiving testimony from Senators Feinstein and McCain; Estevan Lopez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Leslie Weldon, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Thomas Buschatzke, Arizona Department of Water Resources Director, Phoenix; Bill Long, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Pueblo; Timothy Quinn, Association of California Water Agencies, Sacramento; Laura Ziemer, Trout

Unlimited, Bozeman, Montana; and Dan Keppen, Family Farm Alliance, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

MARINE DEBRIS AND WILDLIFE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine marine debris and wildlife, focusing on impacts, sources, and solutions, after receiving testimony from Jim Kurth, Deputy Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Chris Pallister, Gulf of Alaska Keeper, Anchorage; Jenna R. Jambeck, University of Georgia College of Engineering, Athens; Nicholas J. Mallos, Ocean Conservancy Trash Free Seas, Washington, D.C.; and Jonathan Stone, Save The Bay, Providence, Rhode Island.

INTEGRATING THE CORPORATE AND INDIVIDUAL TAX SYSTEMS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine integrating the corporate and individual tax systems, focusing on the dividends paid deduction considered, after receiving testimony from Michael J. Graetz, Columbia Law School, New York, New York; Judy A. Miller, American Retirement Association, Arlington, Virginia; Steven M. Rosenthal, Urban Institute and Brookings Institution Tax Policy Center, Washington, D.C.; and Bret Wells, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas.

WAR IN SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the War in Syria, focusing on next steps to mitigate the crisis, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Ford, Middle East Institute, Nancy Lindborg, United States Institute of Peace, and Tamara Cofman Wittes, Brookings Institution Center for Middle East Policy, all of Washington, D.C.

INTERNATIONAL CYBERSECURITY STRATEGY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy received a closed briefing on international cybersecurity strategy from Christopher Painter, Coordinator for Cyber Issues, and Judith Strotz, Director, Office of Cyber Affairs, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, both of the Department of State.

AMERICA'S DEMAND FOR DRUGS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine America's insatiable demand for drugs, focusing on assessing the Federal response, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Botticelli, Director of National Drug Control Policy; Kana Enomoto, Principal Deputy Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and Diana C. Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

FOSTER CARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine National Foster Care Month, focusing on supporting youth in the foster care and juvenile justice systems, after receiving testimony from Lisa Nelson, Iowa 3rd Judicial District Juvenile Court Services, Sioux City; Jeffrey Lind, Beltrami County Health and Human Services, Bemidji, Minnesota; Macon Stewart, Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Washington, D.C.; and Sonya Brown, New Orleans, Louisiana.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 5258–5271; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 94; H. Con. Res. 131; and H. Res. 734 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H2700–01

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3484, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into certain leases at the Department of Veterans Affairs West Los Angeles Campus in Los Angeles, California, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–570);

H. Res. 735, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4909) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–571); and

H. Res. 736, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4974) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5243) making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, to strengthen public health activities in response to the Zika virus, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–572). **Page H2699**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2431**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2436**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Jay Weinstein, Young Israel of East Brunswick, East Brunswick, New Jersey. **Page H2436**

Suspension: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act: H.R. 897, amended, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 262 yeas to 159 nays, Roll No. 199.

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Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Esty motion to instruct conferees on S. 524 by a yeas-and-nays vote of 182 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 198. The motion was debated Friday, May 13th.

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Subsequently, the Chair appointed the following conferees:

For consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Upton, Pitts, Lance, Guthrie, Kinzinger (IL), Bucshon, Brooks (IN), Goodlatte, Sensenbrenner, Smith (TX), Marino, Collins (GA), Trott, Bishop (MI), McCarthy, Pallone, Ben Ray Lujan (NM), Sarbanes, Gene Green (TX), Conyers, Jackson Lee, Judy Chu (CA), Cohen, Esty, Kuster, and Courtney.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of title VII of the House

amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Barletta, Carter (GA), and Scott (VA).

From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of title III of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bilirakis, Walorski, and Ruiz.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of sec. 705 of the Senate bill, and sec. 804 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Meehan, Dold, and McDermott. **Page H2458**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017: The House began consideration of H.R. 4909, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 18th.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–51, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–569, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule. **Pages H2438–39, H2455**

Agreed to:

Thornberry amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that clarifies that the special transfer authority in section 1702 is subject to appropriation Acts; **Page H2667**

Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 1, as modified, consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569: McKinley (No. 4) that increases the National Guard Youth Challenge Program under Civil Military Programs by \$15 million and decreases by the same amount Operations and Maintenance, Defense-wide; Guthrie (No. 5) that authorizes the Secretary of the Army to continue to provide for the production, treatment, management, and use of natural gas located under Fort Knox, Kentucky; Gallego (No. 6) that requires each branch of the Armed Services to monitor prescribing of medications to treat PTSD among Service Members; Graves (MO) (No. 7), as modified, that requires the DOD to report to the Armed Services Committee on the agency's use of a two-phase procurement process; Jackson Lee (No. 8) that requires outreach for small business concerns owned and controlled by women and minorities required before

conversion of certain functions to contractor performance; Jackson Lee (No. 9) that requires the Government Accountability Office to include in its annual report to Congress a list of the most common grounds for sustaining protests related to bids for contracts; Hunter (No. 15) that expands the use of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) regarding access at DoD installations; Royce (No. 17) that prohibits any action to impair U.S. jurisdiction and control over Naval Station Guantanamo Bay unless authorized or provided by subsequent statute or treaty, based on unique legal history of that U.S. base; Moore (No. 20) that expresses the sense of Congress regarding the intentional targeting of and attacks against medical facilities and medical providers in Syria; Forbes (No. 21) that requires that the Secretary of Defense submit a report at the end of each fiscal year listing each request received from Taiwan and each letter of offer to sell any defense articles or services under the Arms Export Control Act to Taiwan during such fiscal year; Graves (MO) (No. 23) that reins in SBA's authority to fund initiatives outside its current authorized authority; and Adams (No. 27) that provides for online entrepreneurial counseling services through the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) program and requires SCORE to submit a study and report on the future of the program through a strategic plan that covers the course of the next 5 years; **Pages H2667–73**

Westerman amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that provides an additional \$82.4 million for the Surface-To-Air missile MSE program that mitigates critical shortfall in Army War Reserve requirements; takes \$82.4 million from Atomic Energy Defense Activities, National Nuclear Security Administration, Defense Nuclear Non-proliferation, Material management and minimization account; **Pages H2673–75**

Thornberry amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that amends Section 101 of the National Security Act of 1947 to address the National Security Council's enlarged staff size and subsequent micromanagement of military operations, which is inconsistent with its statutory advisory and coordination roles; also increases oversight and accountability by requiring Senate confirmation of the National Security Advisor if the staff size of the National Security Council exceeds 100 employees; **Pages H2677–79**

Walorski amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that amends the Freedom of Information Act to include the National Security Council (NSC) and makes the FOIA requirement effective after Senate confirmation of National Security Advisor; **Pages H2681–82**

Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 2 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569: Calvert (No. 19) that requires a report on the Department of Defense civilian work force and contractors; Collins (NY) (No. 28) that requires the Secretary of the Army to consider using cost-competitive technologies that minimize waste generation and air emissions as alternatives to current disposal methods when reducing munitions in the stockpile of conventional ammunition or B5A Account; Russell (No. 29) that expresses the Sense of Congress that the Dept. of Defense should reassess their guidelines on how they evaluate motor carrier safety performance; the GAO found that DOD lowered standards to Dept. of Transportation standards, even for the transport of hazardous materials; Costa (No. 30) that directs the Secretary to report to the Committees of jurisdiction regarding the efficacy of prioritizing training exercises for National Guard IRT teams with well drilling capability in locations in disadvantaged communities with drinking water supplies that have been impacted as a result of drought; McKinley (No. 31) that requires the Secretary of Defense to establish an electronic tour calculator so that reservists could keep track of aggregated active duty tours of 90 days or more served within a fiscal year; Meng (No. 32) that requires GAO report on admissions practices and gender composition of military service academies; Palmer (No. 33) that allows for the award of a Distinguished Service Cross to 1st LT Melvin M. Spruiell for his acts of valor during WWII as a member of the Army serving in France with the 377th Parachute Field Artillery, 101st Airborne Division; Sewell (AL) (No. 34) that allows cyber institutes to place a special emphasis on entering into a partnership with a local educational agency located in a rural, under served, or underrepresented community; Takano (No. 35) that includes in the report to Congress on the direct employment pilot program for members of the National Guard and Reserve (Sec. 566) a comparison of the pilot program to other DOD and VA unemployment and underemployment programs; Grayson (No. 36) that requires the inclusion of information concerning the availability of treatment options and resources available to address substance abuse (including alcohol, prescription drug, and opioid abuse), as part of the required servicemember pre-separation counseling; Bost (No. 37) that makes a technical change to impact aid program; and DelBene (No. 38) that eliminates the 2-year eligibility limitation for noncompetitive appointment of military spouses to civil service positions when a member of the Armed Forces is relocated in connection with their service; **Pages H2682–85**

Kelly (PA) amendment (No. 16 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that prohibits funds from being used to destroy anti-personnel landmine munitions unless the Secretary of Defense submits a report on research into operational alternatives to these munitions; **Pages H2687–88**

Walorski amendment (No. 18 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that requires the United States Government and the government of a foreign country to enter into a written memorandum of understanding regarding the transfer of an individual from Guantanamo Bay and transmitted to the Congress; **Pages H2688–90**

Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 3 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569: Turner (No. 22) that expresses a Sense of Congress that the United States should take certain actions relevant to maintaining NATO's solidarity, strength, and deterrent capability in addition to promoting NATO enlargement at the July 2016 NATO Summit in Warsaw, Poland; Hanna (No. 24) that directs Small Business Development Centers to provide, to the extent practicable, cyber assistance to small businesses; requires the Small Business Administration and the Department of Homeland Security to develop a joint "SBDC Cyber Strategy" to provide necessary guidance to Small Business Development Centers regarding how they can improve the coordination and provision of federal cyber assistance to small businesses; Bera (No. 39) that requires the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretaries of the VA, Education, and Labor, to submit a report to Congress detailing the transfer of skills into college credit or technical certifications for members of the Armed Forces leaving the military; McGovern (No. 40) that requires the Secretary of Defense to design and produce a military service medal to honor retired and former members of the Armed Forces who are radiation-exposed veterans (Atomic Veterans); Grayson (No. 41) that requires the Secretary of Defense to consider "comparable quality of service" as criteria used to determine partnership agreements between facilities of the uniformed services and local or regional health care systems; Carter (TX) (No. 42) that places specific reporting requirements on the Defense Department when prescribing and distributing Mefloquine to members of the Armed Forces, and requires the Secretary of Defense to conduct an annual review for each Mefloquine prescription; expands the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury's mission to include the study of the adverse health effects of Mefloquine; Wilson (SC) (No. 43) that modifies Section 825(f) of the FY17 NDAA to sunset the required report after five years; Wilson (SC) (No. 44) that modifies the effective date for sec-

tion 901(a)(1) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 by extending it one year to February 1, 2018; Beyer (No. 45) that ensures that DOD is using LPTA in an effective and appropriate manner as a source selection process. States that it should be DOD policy to avoid LPTA use in circumstances that potentially deny the Department the benefits of cost and technical tradeoffs in the source selection process; Burgess (No. 46) that requires a report ranking all military departments and Defense Agencies in order of how advanced they are in achieving auditable financial statements as required by law; Turner (No. 47) that requires the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a briefing to the House Armed Services Committee on the process used to include proximity to certain commercial airports as part of its Strategic Basing Process; Frankel (FL) (No. 49) that expresses Congress's appreciation to American veterans disabled for life and supports the annual recognition of these individuals each year; and Beyer (No. 50) that pairs the FAA and the DOD to study possible changes to these routes and altitude caps to minimize the impact from these overflight operations; **Pages H2690–93**

Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 4 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569: Zeldin (No. 48) that requires the United States Navy to specifically assess synthetic aperture sonar systems and subsequently report on whether they are a suitable for incorporation on the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS); Trott (No. 51) that states that the President shall instruct the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations to use the voice and vote of the United States to seek the establishment of a United Nations processing center in Erbil, Iraq to assist internationally displaced communities; Vela (No. 52) that requires the Department of Defense to submit a report to Congress on the impact of cartel violence in Mexico on U.S. national security; Thornberry (No. 53) that requires the Secretaries of Defense and State to submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report containing a description of the steps the United States has taken, plans to take, and will take to provide Taiwan with arms of a defensive character in accordance with the Taiwan Relations Act; Nolan (No. 54) that prohibits funding from the Syria Train and Equip program to recipients that the Secretary of Defense has reported as having misused provided training and equipment; Aguilar (No. 55) that creates a pilot program to improve the ability of the Army and Air Force, respectively, to recruit cyber professionals; Dold (No. 56) that extends the authorization of a 2014 project for barracks at Great Lakes, IL; Judy Chu (CA) (No. 57) that ensures that the Small Business Administration considers the population density of the area to be

serviced by women's business centers when reviewing and selecting eligible entities for WBC grants; Perlmutter (No. 58) that allows deed restrictions on former U.S. Army land at Rocky Mountain Arsenal to be modified or removed should an environmental risk assessment determine the property is protective for residential or industrial uses; Pompeo (No. 59) that requires the Director of National Intelligence to complete a declassification review of intelligence reports related to the past terrorist activities of individuals who were transferred or released from GTMO, and make available to the public any information declassified as a result of the declassification review; and McSally (No. 61) that places a prohibition on enforcement of military commission rulings preventing members of the Armed Forces from carrying out otherwise lawful duties based on member gender, such as guarding high-value detainees at Guantanamo Bay; **Pages H2693–95**

Rogers (AL) amendment (No. 26 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that fences 50% of the funds for the Office of the Secretary of Energy until he provides a specific report to the specified congressional committees; and **Pages H2696–97**

Zinke amendment (No. 60 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569), as modified, that ensures the security of our land-based nuclear forces and ensures an acquisition strategy that will field a UH 1N replacement aircraft in fiscal year 2018; adds a new section titled Requests for Forces to Meet Security Requirements for Land-Based Nuclear Forces. **Pages H2697–98**

Rejected:

Garamendi amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that sought to reduce the authorization for the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent program by \$17.93 million, the amount identified by the Government Accountability Office as in excess of program need for Fiscal Year 2016; increase the authorization for Air Force procurement of Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures by \$17.93 million to address an unfunded requirement identified by the Air Force; and **Pages H2675–76**

Larsen (WA) amendment (No. 25 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that sought to amend waiver on prohibition of use of atomic energy defense funding for work with Russia to allow the Secretary of Energy to issue waiver if activity will significantly reduce the nuclear threat, regardless of backlog at DOE defense nuclear facilities. **Pages H2695–96**

Proceedings Postponed:

McKinley amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that seeks to require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that every tactical missile program of the Department of Defense that uses solid propellant as the primary propulsion system

shall have at least two fully certified rocket motor suppliers in the event that one of the rocket motor suppliers is outside the national technology and industrial base; **Pages H2676–77**

Nadler amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that seeks to remove funding prohibitions on the closure of the prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; and **Pages H2679–81**

Poe (TX) amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569), as modified, that seeks to insert a proposed new text for Sec. 1048. **Pages H2685–87**

H. Res. 732, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4909) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 197, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 196. **Pages H2455–56**

Recess: The House recessed at 6:39 p.m. and reconvened at 11:51 p.m. **Page H2698**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to Burma is to continue in effect beyond May 20, 2016—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Rept. 114–135). **Page H2446**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H2446, H2677.

Senate Referral: S. 2040 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H2698**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2455–56, H2456, H2457, H2457–58. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOCUS ON THE FARM ECONOMY: IMPACTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS AND VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry held a hearing entitled “Focus on the Farm Economy: Impacts of Environmental Regulations and Voluntary Conservation Solutions”. Testimony was heard from Celia Gould, Director, Idaho State Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the Defense Appropriations Bill for FY

2017; Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill for FY 2017; and the Revised Report on the Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2017. The Defense Appropriations Bill for FY 2017 and the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill for FY 2017 were ordered reported, as amended. The Revised Report on the Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2017 passed.

ASSESSING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S EXECUTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE U.S. FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Assessing the Department of Defense's Execution of Responsibilities in the U.S. Foreign Military Sales Program". Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Joseph Rixey, U.S. Navy, Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense; Claire Grady, Senior Executive Service, Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; and Beth McCormick, Senior Executive Service, Director, Defense Technology Security Administration, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

HELPING STUDENTS SUCCEED BY STRENGTHENING THE CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Helping Students Succeed by Strengthening the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act". Testimony was heard from Senator Kaine and public witnesses.

THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S MEDICARE DRUG EXPERIMENT: THE PATIENT AND DOCTOR PERSPECTIVE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "The Obama Administration's Medicare Drug Experiment: The Patient and Doctor Perspective". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 4775, the "Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016"; and H.R. 4979, the "Advanced Nuclear Technology Development Act of 2016".

INTEREST ON RESERVES AND THE FED'S BALANCE SHEET

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled

"Interest on Reserves and the Fed's Balance Sheet". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO ENHANCE CAPITAL FORMATION, TRANSPARENCY, AND REGULATORY ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Enhance Capital Formation, Transparency, and Regulatory Accountability". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE COUNTERTERRORISM BUREAU: FY 2017 BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled "U.S. Department of State Counterterrorism Bureau: FY 2017 Budget". Testimony was heard from Justin Siberell, Acting Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Bureau of Counterterrorism, Department of State.

OVERSIGHT OF FEDERAL EFFORTS TO ADDRESS ELECTROMAGNETIC RISKS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency held a hearing entitled "Oversight of Federal Efforts to Address Electromagnetic Risks". Testimony was heard from Chris P. Currie, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; Brandon Wales, Director, Office of Cyber and Infrastructure Analysis, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Joseph McClelland, Director, Office of Energy Infrastructure Security, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; and a public witness.

FLYING BLIND: WHAT ARE THE SECURITY RISKS OF RESUMING U.S. COMMERCIAL AIR SERVICE TO CUBA?

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled "Flying Blind: What are the security risks of resuming U.S. Commercial Air Service to Cuba?". Testimony was heard from the following Department of Homeland Security officials: Larry Mizell, TSA Representative, Transportation Security Administration; Paul Fujimura, Assistant Administrator, Office of Global Strategies; John Wagner, Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection; and Seth Stodder, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Border, Immigration and Trade Policy; and Kurt Tong, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary,

Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a markup on Committee Resolution 114–17, regarding the House Safe Program; Committee Resolution 114–18, to Amend the Voucher Documentation Standards; H.R. 5160, to amend title 40, United States Code, to include as part of the buildings and grounds of the National Gallery of Art any buildings and other areas within the boundaries of any real estate or other property interests acquired by the National Gallery of Art; H.R. 4511, the “Gold Star Families Voices Act”; H.R. 4092, to reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes; H.R. 4733, to permit the United States Capitol Police to accept certain property from other Federal agencies and to dispose of certain property in its possession; H.R. 5227, to authorize the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to provide playback equipment in all forms, to establish a National Collection Stewardship Fund for the processing and storage of collection materials of the Library of Congress, and to provide for the continuation of service of returning members of Joint Committee on the Library at beginning of a Congress; and H.R. 4734, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 5160, H.R. 4511, H.R. 4092, H.R. 4733, H.R. 5227, and H.R. 4734. Committee Resolution 114–17 and Committee Resolution 114–18 were adopted, without amendment.

SAFEGUARDING OUR SYMBOL OF DEMOCRACY: U.S. CAPITOL POLICE’S MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 2017 AND BEYOND

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Safeguarding our Symbol of Democracy: U.S. Capitol Police’s Management Plan for 2017 and Beyond”. Testimony was heard from Matthew Verderosa, Chief of Police, U.S. Capitol Police.

SYNTHETIC DRUGS, REAL DANGER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Synthetic Drugs, Real Danger”. Testimony was heard from Louis Milione, Dep-

uty Assistant Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing on H.R. 4768, the “Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2016”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE IMPLICATIONS OF PRESIDENT OBAMA’S NATIONAL OCEAN POLICY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing entitled “The Implications of President Obama’s National Ocean Policy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WHITE HOUSE NARRATIVES ON THE IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “White House Narratives on the Iran Nuclear Deal”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5233, the “Clarifying Congressional Intent in Providing for DC Home Rule Act of 2016”; H.R. 24, the “Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2015”; H.R. 5199, the “Construction Consensus Procurement Improvement Act of 2016”; H.R. 5226, the “Regulatory Integrity Act of 2016”; S. 1550, the “Program Management Improvement Accountability Act”; H.R. 433, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 523 East Railroad Street in Knox, Pennsylvania, as the “Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office”; H.R. 2607, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7802 37th Avenue in Jackson Heights, New York, as the “Jeanne and Jules Manford Post Office Building”; H.R. 3218, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 836 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, California as the “Special Warfare Operator Master Chief Petty Officer (SEAL) Louis ‘Lou’ J. Langlais Post Office Building”; H.R. 3931, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 620 Central Avenue Suite 1A in Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, as the “Chief Petty Officer Adam Brown United States Post Office”; H.R. 3953, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4122 Madison Street, Elfers, Florida, as the “Private First Class Felton Roger Fussell Memorial Post Office”; H.R. 4010, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 522 North Central

Avenue in Phoenix, Arizona, as the “Ed Pastor Post Office”; H.R. 4425, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 East Powerhouse Road in Collegetown, Minnesota, as the “Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office”; H.R. 4747, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6691 Church Street in Riverdale, Georgia, as the “Major Gregory E. Barney Post Office Building”; H.R. 4761, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 61 South Baldwin Avenue in Sierra Madre, California, as the “Louis Van Iersel Post Office”; H.R. 4777, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1301 Alabama Avenue in Selma, Alabama as the “Amelia Boynton Robinson Post Office Building”; H.R. 4877, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3130 Grants Lake Boulevard in Sugar Land, Texas, as the “LCpl Garrett W. Gamble, USMC Post Office Building”; H.R. 4925, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 229 West Main Cross Street, in Findlay, Ohio, as the “Michael Garver Oxley Memorial Post Office Building”; H.R. 4960, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 525 N Broadway in Aurora, Illinois, as the “Kenneth M. Christy Post Office Building”; H.R. 4975, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5720 South 142nd Street in Omaha, Nebraska, as the “Petty Officer 1st Class Caleb A. Nelson Post Office Building”; H.R. 4987, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3957 2nd Avenue in Laurel Hill, Florida, as the “Sergeant First Class William ‘Kelly’ Lacey Post Office”; and H.R. 5028, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10721 E Jefferson Ave in Detroit, Michigan, as the “Mary Eleanora McCoy Post Office Building”. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 5233, H.R. 5226, H.R. 433, H.R. 2607, H.R. 3931, H.R. 3953, H.R. 4010, H.R. 4425, H.R. 4747, H.R. 4761, H.R. 4777, H.R. 4877, H.R. 4925, H.R. 4960, H.R. 4975, and H.R. 4987. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 24, H.R. 5199, S. 1550, H.R. 3218, and H.R. 5028.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017; MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017; ZIKA RESPONSE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4909, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017” [amendment consider-

ation]; H.R. 4974, the “Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017”; and H.R. 5243, the “Zika Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2016”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a modified-open rule for H.R. 4974. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule provides that clause 2(e) of rule XXI shall not apply during consideration of the bill. The rule provides that after general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule except that: 1) amendments shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent; and 2) no pro forma amendments shall be in order except that the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule granted a closed rule for H.R. 5243. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides that clause 2(e) of rule XXI shall not apply during consideration of the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. In section 3, the rule provides that section 514 of H.R. 4974 shall be considered to be a spending reduction account for purposes of section 3(d) of House Resolution 5. In section 4, the rule provides that during consideration of H.R. 4974 pursuant to the rule, it shall not be in order in the Committee of the Whole to use a decrease in Overseas Contingency Operations funds to offset an amendment that increases an appropriation not designated as Overseas Contingency Operations funds or vice versa. Lastly, in section 5, the rule provides that during consideration of H.R. 4974, 1) section 310 of House Concurrent Resolution 125, as reported in the House, shall have force and effect in the Committee of the Whole; and 2) section 3304 of Senate Concurrent Resolution 11 shall not apply. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–3, a structured rule for

further consideration of H.R. 4909. The rule provides no further general debate. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. 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. Waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the rule. Section 3 provides that it shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rogers of Kentucky, and Representatives Lowey, Al Green of Texas, Dent, Bishop of Georgia, Fleming, Bordallo, Davis of California, Gabbard, Garamendi, Langevin, Walz, McGovern, Polis, Barr, Boustany, Clyburn, Carter of Georgia, Jackson Lee, Gosar, Foster, Rigell, Lee, Rohrabacher, Price of North Carolina, Schiff, Sanford, Maxine Waters of California, Welch, Sean Patrick Maloney of New York, Hanna, Griffith of Virginia, Yoho, Gibson, Rangel, and Mulvaney.

A REVIEW OF RECENTLY COMPLETED UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CHIEF'S REPORTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled "A Review of Recently Completed United States Army Corps of Engineers Chief's Reports". Testimony was heard from Major General Donald "Ed" Jackson, Deputy Commanding General, Civil and Emergency Operations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

VETERANS IN TECH: INNOVATIVE CAREERS FOR ALL GENERATIONS OF VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Veterans in Tech: Innovative Careers for All Generations of

Veterans". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEMBER DAY ON TAX-RELATED PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a Member Day hearing entitled "Tax-Related Proposals to Improve Health Care". Testimony was heard from Representatives Jenkins of Kansas, Smith of Nebraska, Paulsen, Noem, Messer, Meadows, Kelly of Pennsylvania, Bera of California, Thompson of California, Boustany, Stewart, Meng, McSally, and DelBene.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the Telephone Consumer Protection Act at 25, focusing on effects on consumers and business, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 2816, to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program, S. 2795, to modernize the regulation of nuclear energy, S. 1479, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, S. 921, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a nonregulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the 4-State Delaware River Basin region, H.R. 3114, to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities, S. 2754, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 300 Fannin Street in Shreveport, Louisiana, as the "Tom Stagg Federal Building and United States Courthouse", General Services Administration resolutions, and the nomination of Jane Toshiko Nishida, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine Every Student Succeeds Act implementation, focusing on perspectives from education stakeholders, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine assessing the security of critical infrastructure, focusing on threat, vulnerabilities, and solutions, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 2785, to protect Native children and promote public safety in Indian country, S. 2916, to provide that the

pueblo of Santa Clara may lease for 99 years certain restricted land, and S. 2920, to amend the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Donald Karl Schott, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Paul Lewis Abrams, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Stephanie A. Finley, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Claude J. Kelly III, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and Winfield D. Ong, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine ransomware, focusing on understanding the threat and exploring solutions, 3 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine small business and the Affordable Care Act, 2 p.m., SR-428A.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Service in the Field: Veteran Contributions to National Food Security”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, markup on the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, markup on the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, 11:30 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, markup on H.J. Res. 87, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Department of Labor relating to “Interpretation of the ‘Advice’ Exemption in Section 203(c) of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act”; and H.R. 5003, the “Improving Child Nutrition and Education Act of 2016”, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4775, the “Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016”; and H.R. 4979, the “Advanced Nuclear Technology Development Act of 2016” (continued), 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Examining the CFPB’s Proposed Rulemaking on Arbitration: Is It in the Public Interest and for the Protection of Consumers?”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 374, recognizing the 50th anniversary of Singaporean independence and reaffirming Singapore’s close partnership with the United States; H. Res. 650, providing for the safety and security of the Iranian dissidents living in Camp Liberty/Hurriya in Iraq and awaiting resettlement by the United Nations High Commis-

sioner for Refugees, and permitting use of their own assets to assist in their resettlement; H. Con. Res. 129, expressing support for the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust victims live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years, and urging the Federal Republic of Germany to reaffirm its commitment to this goal through a financial commitment to comprehensively address the unique health and welfare needs of vulnerable Holocaust victims, including home care and other medically prescribed needs; S. 284, the “Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act”; and S. 1252, the “Global Food Security Act of 2016”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Democracy Support Strategies in Africa”, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 4289, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation located in Dillingham, Alaska, and for other purposes; and S. 246, the “Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining Employee Misconduct at EPA”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, joint hearing entitled “The Federal Information Technology Reform Act (FITARA) Scorecard 2.0”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “Next Steps to Mars: Deep Space Habitats”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Border Station Construction: Minimizing Costs and Leveraging Private Dollars”, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5178, the “Veterans Success on Campus Act of 2016”; H.R. 5229, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a study to evaluate the effectiveness of programs, especially in regards to women veterans and minority veterans, in transitioning to civilian life, and for other purposes; H.R. 4138, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup relocation expenses paid to or on behalf of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3286, the “HIRE Vets Act”; H.R. 3471, the “Veterans Mobility Safety Act of 2015”; 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”; 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. 4782, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2016”; H.R. 4087, the “Fair Treatment for Families of Veterans Act”; and H.R. 3715, the “Final Farewell Act of 2015”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled “Protecting Social Security from Waste, Fraud, and Abuse”, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing entitled “The Heroin Epidemic and Parental Substance Abuse: Using Evidence and Data to Protect Kids from Harm”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, May 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2577, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. Senate expects to vote on or in relation to McConnell (for Blunt) Modified Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896).

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Continue consideration of H.R. 4909—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 5243—Zika Response Appropriations Act of 2016 (Subject to a Rule). Begin consideration of H.R. 4974—Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017 (Subject to a Rule).

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