

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5913–S5959*

**Measures Introduced:** Fourteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3366–3379. **Pages S5956–57**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2849, to ensure the Government Accountability Office has adequate access to information. (S. Rept. No. 114–356) **Page S5956**

#### Measures Considered:

**Legislative Branch Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5325, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017.

**Pages S5915–21, S5935–46**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 11 a.m., on Thursday, September 22, 2015; that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, all post-cloture time on the motion to proceed to the bill expire at 11 a.m.; and that if the motion to proceed is agreed to, Senator McConnell be recognized to offer a substitute amendment. **Page S5959**

**Foreign Military Sale:** By 71 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 145), Senate tabled the motion to discharge the Foreign Relations Committee of S.J. Res. 39, relating to the disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia of M1A1/A2 Abrams Tank structures and other major defense equipment. **Pages S5921–35**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—145) **Pages S5934–35**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2016. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S5959.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Agriculture and the current state of the farm economy, after receiving testimony from Thomas Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

#### HOUSING VULNERABLE FAMILIES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the possible conversion of public housing and other project-based rental assistance to Section 8 vouchers, as well as administrative changes to the Section 8 voucher program, in order to improve the delivery of rental assistance to vulnerable families and individuals, after receiving testimony from Richard C. Gentry, San Diego Housing Commission, San Diego, California; Ed Olsen, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; and Erika C. Poethig, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.

#### PRIORITIZING PUBLIC HEALTH

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine prioritizing public health, focusing on the Food and Drug Administration’s role in the generic drug marketplace, after receiving testimony from Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

**AMERICA'S CASH PAYMENTS TO IRAN**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance concluded a hearing to examine terror financing risks of America's \$1.7 billion cash payments to Iran, including S. 2452, to prohibit the use of funds to make payments to Iran relating to the settlement of claims brought before the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal until Iran has paid certain compensatory damages awarded to United States persons by United States courts, after receiving testimony from Michael B. Mukasey, former Attorney General, Eric Edelman, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, and Suzanne Maloney, The Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3346, to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3183, to prohibit the circumvention of control measures used by Internet ticket sellers to ensure equitable consumer access to tickets for any given event, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3097, to establish the SelectUSA program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4755, to inspire women to enter the aerospace field, including science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, through mentorship and outreach; and

H.R. 4742, to authorize the National Science Foundation to support entrepreneurial programs for women.

**FWS MITIGATION POLICY OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife con-

cluded an oversight hearing to examine the proposed revisions to the Fish and Wildlife Service mitigation policy, after receiving testimony from Michael J. Bean, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; Jamison E. Colburn, Penn State University, University Park, Pennsylvania; Joshua Kindred, Alaska Oil and Gas Association, Anchorage; and Ryan Yates, National Endangered Species Act Reform Coalition, Washington, D.C.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

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

An original bill entitled, "Miner's Protection Act of 2016"; and

An original bill entitled, "Retirement and Enhancement Savings Act of 2016".

**BUSINESS MEETING**

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

S. 2953, to promote patient-centered care and accountability at the Indian Health Service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3234, to amend the Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act of 2000, the Buy Indian Act, the Indian Trader Act, and the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide industry and economic development opportunities to Indian communities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 3261, to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in Indian reservation communities.

**INTELLIGENCE**

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

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 25 public bills, H.R.6091–6115; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 158–159; and H. Res. 880–881 were introduced.

**Pages H5798–H5801**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H5801–02**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5995, to strike the sunset on certain provisions relating to the authorized protest of a task or delivery order under section 4106 of title 41, United States Code (H. Rept. 114–779);

H.R. 2315, to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States (H. Rept. 114–780);

H. Res. 879, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5931) to provide for the prohibition on cash payments to the Government of Iran, and for other purposes, and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 114–781); and H.R. 5982, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for “midnight rules”, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–782, Part 1). **Page H5798**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ribble to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5715**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:01 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5721**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Clarence A. Williams, Greater Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church, St. Petersburg, FL. **Page H5722**

**Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance Act:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1475, to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance. **Page H5741**

**Global Anti-Poaching Act:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2494, to support global anti-poaching efforts, strengthen the capacity of partner countries to counter wildlife trafficking, and designate major wildlife trafficking countries. **Pages H5741–43**

**Condemning the Government of Iran’s state-sponsored persecution of its Baha’i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 220, as amended by Representative Royce, condemning the Government of Iran’s state-sponsored persecution of its Baha’i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights. **Pages H5743–45**

**GAO Civilian Task and Delivery Order Protest Authority Act of 2016:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and pass H.R. 5995, to strike the sunset on certain provisions relating to the authorized protest of a task or delivery order under section 4106 of title 41, United States Code. **Page H5745**

**Require Evaluation before Implementing Executive Wishlists Act:** The House passed H.R. 3438, to amend title 5, United States Code, to postpone the effective date of high-impact rules pending judicial review, by a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 535. **Pages H5755–64**

Rejected the Thompson (MS) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 534. **Pages H5762–63**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H5758**

Rejected:

Cicilline amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–777) that sought to exempt from the requirements of the legislation any rule that would reduce the cost of healthcare for people over the age of 65 (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 532); and **Pages H5758–59, H5760–61**

DelBene amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–777) that sought to exempt from the bill’s requirements rules relating to improving the affordability of higher education (by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 533). **Pages H5759–60, H5761**

H. Res. 875, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3438) and (H.R. 5719) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 525, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 524. **Pages H5732–37**

**Iranian Leadership Asset Transparency Act:** The House passed H.R. 5461, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees on the estimated total assets under direct or indirect control by certain senior Iranian leaders and other figures, by a yea-and-nay vote of 282 yeas to 143 nays, Roll No. 536. **Pages H5737–38, H5745–55, H5764**

Agreed to:

Poliquin manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–778) that adds Committee on Foreign Affairs to the reporting requirements in the bill; **Page H5753**

Young (IN) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–778) that adds three additional provisions to the bill’s required report on Iranian leadership financial assets; and **Pages H5753–54**

Lance amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–778) that adds head of Atomic Energy Organization of Iran to list of Iranian leaders. **Pages H5754–55**

H. Res. 876, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5461) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 247 ayes to 174 noes, Roll No. 527, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 526.

Pages H5726–31, H5737–38

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, September 20th:

**Emergency Citrus Disease Response Act of 2016:** H.R. 3957, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily allow expensing of certain costs of replanting citrus plants lost by reason of casualty, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 20 nays, Roll No. 528; Pages H5738–39

**Expanding Seniors Receiving Dialysis Choice Act of 2016:** H.R. 5659, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to expanding Medicare Advantage coverage for individuals with end-stage renal disease (ESRD), by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 529; Page H5739

**Sustaining Healthcare Integrity and Fair Treatment Act of 2016:** H.R. 5713, amended, to provide for the extension of certain long-term care hospital Medicare payment rules, clarify the application of rules on the calculation of hospital length of stay to certain moratorium-excepted long-term care hospitals, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 530; Pages H5739–40

**Providing for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2016:** H.R. 5613, amended, to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2016, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 531; Pages H5740–41

**Community Counterterrorism Preparedness Act:** H.R. 5859, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the major metropolitan area counterterrorism training and exercise grant program, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 30 nays, Roll No. 537; Pages H5764–65

**Amending title 49, United States Code, to include consideration of certain impacts on commercial space launch and reentry activities in a navigable airspace analysis:** H.R. 6007, to amend title 49, United States Code, to include consideration of certain impacts on commercial space launch and reentry activities in a navigable airspace analysis, by a

$\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 425 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 538; Pages H5765–66

**Directing the Secretary of Transportation to provide to the appropriate committees of Congress advance notice of certain announcements:** H.R. 5977, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to provide to the appropriate committees of Congress advance notice of certain announcements, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 424 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 539; Page H5766

**Airport Construction and Alteration Reform Act of 2016:** H.R. 6014, amended, to direct the Federal Aviation Administration to allow certain construction or alteration of structures by State departments of transportation without requiring an aeronautical study, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 425 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 540; and Pages H5766–67

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To allow the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to enter into reimbursable agreements for certain airport projects.”. Page H5767

**Bathrooms Accessible in Every Situation (BABIES) Act:** H.R. 5147, amended, to amend title 40, United States Code, to require that male and female restrooms in public buildings be equipped with baby changing facilities, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 389 yeas to 34 nays, Roll No. 541; Pages H5767–68

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 40, United States Code, to require restrooms in public buildings to be equipped with baby changing facilities.”. Page H5768

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

**Mobile Workforce State Income Tax Simplification Act:** H.R. 2315, to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States; Pages H5768–72

**Protection of the Right of Tribes to stop the Export of Cultural and Traditional Patrimony Resolution:** H. Con. Res. 122, amended, supporting efforts to stop the theft, illegal possession or sale, transfer, and export of tribal cultural items of American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians in the United States and internationally; Pages H5772–74

**Strengthening the Department of Homeland Security Secure Mail Initiative Act:** H.R. 4712, amended, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide for an option under the Secure Mail Initiative under which a person to whom a document is sent under that initiative may require that

the United States Postal Service obtain a signature from that person in order to deliver the document;

**Pages H5774–76**

**Improving Small Business Cyber Security Act of 2016:** H.R. 5064, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to allow small business development centers to assist and advise small business concerns on relevant cyber security matters; **Pages H5776–79**

**Stability and Democracy for Ukraine Act:** H.R. 5094, amended, to contain, reverse, and deter Russian aggression in Ukraine, to assist Ukraine's democratic transition; and **Pages H5782–87**

**Global Development Lab Act:** H.R. 3924, amended, to establish in the United States Agency for International Development an entity to be known as the United States Global Development Lab.

**Pages H5787–89**

**Nicaraguan Investment Conditionality Act (NICA) of 2016:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H.R. 5708, as amended by Representative Royce, to oppose loans at international financial institutions for the Government of Nicaragua unless the Government of Nicaragua is taking effective steps to hold free, fair, and transparent elections. **Pages H5779–82**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To oppose loans at international financial institutions for the Government of Nicaragua, other than to address basic human needs or promote democracy, unless the Government of Nicaragua is taking effective steps to hold free, fair, and transparent elections, and for other purposes." **Page H5782**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5726 \_\_\_\_.

**Senate Referral:** S. 3076 was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. **Page H5798**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Twelve yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5735–36, H5736–37, H5737, H5737–38, H5738–39, H5739, H5739–40, H5740–41, H5760–61, H5761, H5763, H5763–64, H5764, H5764–65, H5765–66, H5766, H5767 and H5767–68. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FIFTEEN YEARS AFTER 9–11: THE STATE OF THE FIGHT AGAINST ISLAMIC TERRORISM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "15 Years after 9–11: The State of the Fight Against Islamic Terrorism". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SEAPOWERS AND PROJECTION FORCES IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled "Seapower and Projection Forces in the South China Sea". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### RESTORING THE TRUST FOR FAMILIES AND WORKING-AGE AMERICANS

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Restoring the Trust for Families and Working-Age Americans". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SUPPLANTING THE LAW AND LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY THROUGH REGULATORY FIAT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled "Supplanting the Law and Local Education Authority Through Regulatory Fiat". Testimony was heard from Steve Canavero, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Nevada Department of Education; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 2566, the "Improving Rural Call Quality and Reliability Act of 2016"; H.R. 2669, the "Anti-Spoofing Act of 2016"; H.R. 1192, the "National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission Act"; H.R. 1209, the "Improving Access to Maternity Care Act"; H.R. 1877, the "Mental Health First Aid Act of 2015"; H.R. 2713, the "Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2015"; H.R. 3537, the "Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2015"; and H.R. 4365, the "Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2016". The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2669, H.R. 1209, H.R. 1877, H.R. 2713, H.R. 3537, and H.R. 4365. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 2566 and H.R. 1192.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Select Investigative Panel of the Committee on Energy and Commerce held a business meeting to consider a report of the Select Investigative Panel of the Committee on Energy and Commerce recommending that the U.S. House of Representatives find StemExpress, LLC, and Catherine Spears Dyer, founder and Chief Executive Officer of StemExpress, LLC, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with subpoenas duly issued by the Select Investigative Panel of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The report was approved, without amendment.

**THE FUTURE OF HOUSING IN AMERICA: A BETTER WAY TO INCREASE EFFICIENCIES FOR HOUSING VOUCHERS AND CREATE UPWARD ECONOMIC MOBILITY**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “The Future of Housing in America: A Better Way to Increase Efficiencies for Housing Vouchers and Create Upward Economic Mobility”. Testimony was heard from Dominique Blom, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Public Housing Investments, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE: FOSTERING A SYSTEM THAT PROMOTES CAPITAL FORMATION AND MAXIMIZES SHAREHOLDER VALUE**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Corporate Governance: Fostering a System that Promotes Capital Formation and Maximizes Shareholder Value”. Testimony was heard from Anne Simpson, Investment Director, Sustainability, California Public Employees’ Retirement System; and public witnesses.

**STOPPING THE NEXT ATTACK: HOW TO KEEP OUR CITY STREETS FROM BECOMING THE BATTLEGROUND**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Stopping the Next Attack: How to Keep Our City Streets from Becoming the Battleground”. Testimony was heard from John Miller, Deputy Commissioner, Intelligence and Counterterrorism, New York City Police Department; Sheriff Jerry L. Demings, Orange County Sheriff’s Office, Orange County, Florida; and public witnesses.

**IMPEACHMENT ARTICLES REFERRED ON JOHN KOSKINEN, PART III**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing on the Impeachment Articles Referred on

John Koskinen, Part III. Testimony was heard from John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

**THE IMPACTS OF THE OBAMA CEQ’S FINAL GUIDANCE FOR GHG EMISSIONS AND THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Impacts of the Obama CEQ’s Final Guidance for GHG Emissions and the Effects of Climate Change”. Testimony was heard from Christy Goldfuss, Managing Director, Council on Environmental Quality.

**THE STATUS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT’S MANAGEMENT OF WOLVES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Status of the Federal Government’s Management of Wolves”. Testimony was heard from Steve Guertin, Deputy Director of Policy, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Virgil Moore, Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, State of Idaho; Gordon Myers, Director, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, State of North Carolina; Alexandra Sandoval, Director, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, State of New Mexico; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 564, “Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act”; H.R. 2387, the “Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act”; H.R. 5780, the “Utah Public Lands Initiative Act”; H.R. 5984, the “Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement Act”; and S. 3028, the “Daniel J. Evans Olympic National Park Wilderness Act”.

**REVIEWING THE RISING PRICE OF EPIPENS**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Reviewing the Rising Price of EpiPens”. Testimony was heard from Doug Throckmorton, Deputy Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration; and a public witness.

**PROHIBITING FUTURE RANSOM PAYMENTS TO IRAN ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5931, the “Prohibiting Future Ransom Payments to Iran Act”. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a structured rule for H.R. 5931. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority

member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–64 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported through the legislative day of September 27, 2016, relating to a measure making or continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. Testimony was heard from Chairman Royce and Representative Engel.

#### EXAMINING MISCONDUCT AND INTIMIDATION OF SCIENTISTS BY SENIOR DOE OFFICIALS

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Oversight; and Subcommittee on Energy, held a joint hearing entitled “Examining Misconduct and Intimidation of Scientists by Senior DOE Officials”. Testimony was heard from Sharlene Weatherwax, Associate Director, Biological and Environmental Research, Department of Energy; and Noelle Metting, Radiation Biologist, Department of Energy.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6076, the “To Research, Evaluate, Assess, and Treat Astronauts Act”; H.R. 6066, the “Cybersecurity Responsibility and Accountability Act of 2016”; and H.R. 5829, the “ADVISE Now Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 6066 and H.R. 5829. H.R. 6076 was ordered reported, as amended.

#### AN EXAMINATION OF FEMA’S LIMITED ROLE IN LOCAL LAND USE DEVELOPMENT DECISIONS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “An Examination of FEMA’s Limited Role in Local Land Use Development Decisions”. Testimony was heard from Michael Grimm, Assistant Administrator for Mitigation, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Chris Shirley, Natural Hazards and Floodplain Specialist, Department of Land Conservation and Development, State of Oregon; Denny Doyle, Mayor, City of Beaverton, Oregon; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5047, the “Protecting Veterans’ Educational Choice Act of 2016”; H.R. 5428, the “Military Residency Choice Act”; H.R. 4757, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the eligibility for headstones, markers, and medallions furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for deceased individuals who were awarded the Medal of Honor and are buried in private cemeteries; H.R. 5166, the “WINGMAN Act”; H.R. 3216, the “VET Act”; H.R. 4150, the “Department of Veterans Affairs Emergency Medical Staffing Recruitment and Retention Act”; H.R. 5099, to establish a pilot program on partnership agreements to construct new facilities for the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 5162, the “Vet Connect Act of 2016”; H.R. 5392, the “No Veterans Crisis Line Call Should Go Unanswered Act”; H.R. 5399, the “Ethical Patient Care for Veterans Act of 2016”; and H.R. 5600, the “No Hero Left Untreated Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4757, H.R. 5166, H.R. 4150, H.R. 5099, and H.R. 5600. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 5047, H.R. 5428, H.R. 3216, H.R. 5162, H.R. 5392, and H.R. 5399.

#### UNDERSTANDING SOCIAL SECURITY’S SOLVENCY CHALLENGE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled “Understanding Social Security’s Solvency Challenge”. Testimony was heard from Stephen C. Goss, Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration; and Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5879, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the credit for production from advanced nuclear power facilities; H.R. 5406, the “Helping Ensure Accountability, Leadership, and Trust in Tribal Healthcare Act”; H.R.

5204, the “Stop Taxing Death and Disability Act”; and H.R. 4220, the “Water and Agriculture Tax Reform Act of 2015”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 5879, H.R. 5406, H.R. 5204, and H.R. 4220.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine United States national security challenges and ongoing military operations, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Housing and Urban Development inspection process, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine S. 346, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, S. 437, to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments, to establish requirements for the declaration of marine national monuments, S. 1416, to amend title 54, United States Code, to limit the authority to reserve water rights in designating a national monument, S. 2056, to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System, S. 2380, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a pilot program for commercial recreation concessions on certain land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, S. 2681, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, to substitute certain land selections of the Navajo Nation, to designate certain wilderness areas, S. 2991, to withdraw certain land in Okanogan County, Washington, to protect the land, S. 3049, to designate the Organ Mountains and other public land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System in the State of New Mexico, S. 3102, to promote conservation, improve public land management, and provide for sensible development in Pershing County, Nevada, S. 3167, to establish the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area, S. 3192, to designate a mountain peak in the State of Montana as “Alex Diekmann Peak”, S. 3203, to provide for economic development and access to resources in Alaska, S. 3204, to provide for the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Alaska for the construction of a road between King Cove and Cold Bay, S. 3254, to provide for a land ex-

change involving certain National Forest System land in the State of South Dakota, S. 3273, to make technical corrections to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 3312, to extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 relating to the disposal site in Mesa County, Colorado, S. 3315, to authorize the modification or augmentation of the Second Division Memorial, S. 3316, to maximize land management efficiencies, promote land conservation, generate education funding, S. 3317, to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in the State of Utah except by express authorization of Congress, H.R. 1838, to establish the Clear Creek National Recreation Area in San Benito and Fresno Counties, California, to designate the Joaquin Rocks Wilderness in such counties, and H.R. 2009, to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Tucson Unified School District and to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Christopher Coons, of Delaware, and Ronald H. Johnson, of Wisconsin, both to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-first Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and Sung Y. Kim, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, Rena Bitter, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Kamala Shirin Lakhdir, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, and a routine list in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine exploring current practices in cosmetic development and safety, 10 a.m., SD–430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine exploring a right to try for terminally ill patients, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine agency regulatory guidance, 3 p.m., SD–342.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.

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*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, hearing entitled “Rehabilitation of the Chesapeake Bay: Healing in the Bay the Voluntary Way”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Discussion Draft to Modernize Multiemployer Pensions”, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade; and Subcommittee on Energy and Power, joint hearing entitled “Midterm Review and Update on the Corporate Average Fuel Economy Program and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Motor Vehicles”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Modernizing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act”, 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.



*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Annual Report of the Financial Stability Oversight Council”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Examining the Agenda of Regulators, SROs, and Standards-Setters for Accounting, Auditing, and Municipal Securities”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “Diplomacy and Security in the South China Sea: After the Tribunal”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, markup on H.R. 2189, the “Walter Patterson and Werner Foerster Justice and Extradition Act”; and H.R. 3833, to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “Identifying the Enemy: Radical Islamist Terror”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement”, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled “Treating the Opioid Epidemic: The State of Competition in the Markets for Addiction Medicine”, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 564, “Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act”; H.R. 2387, the “Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act”; H.R. 5780, the

“Utah Public Lands Initiative Act”; H.R. 5984, the “Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement Act”; and S. 3028, the “Daniel J. Evans Olympic National Park Wilderness Act” (continued), 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining Preservation of State Department Federal Records” (continued); and possible business meeting to consider a resolution and report recommending that the House of Representatives find Bryan Pagliano in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with a Subpoena Duly Issued by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, in the event that the witness fails to appear at the hearing, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining Misconduct and Mismanagement at the National Park Service”, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Technology, hearing entitled “Closing the Talent Gap in Federal IT”, 3 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Examining Billion Dollar Waste through Improper Payments”, 3 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: to hold hearings to examine atrocities in Iraq and Syria, focusing on relief for survivors and accountability for perpetrators, 10 a.m., 2200, Rayburn Building.

Full Committee, to receive a briefing on Moldova at a crossroads, 4 p.m., 2456, Rayburn Building.

## Next Meeting of the SENATE

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## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, September 22

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5325, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, post-cloture.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Complete consideration of H.R. 5719—Empowering Employees through Stock Ownership Act. Consideration of measures under suspension of the rules.

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