

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4883–S4915

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1414–1421, and S. Res. 238–239. **Page S4911**

Measures Passed:

Christopher S. Bond United States Courthouse: Senate passed S. 846, to designate the United States courthouse located at 80 Lafayette Street in Jefferson City, Missouri, as the Christopher S. Bond United States Courthouse. **Pages S4914–15**

Myron Donovan Crocker United States Courthouse: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 1406, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 510 19th Street, Bakersfield, California, as the Myron Donovan Crocker United States Courthouse, and the bill was then passed. **Page S4915**

Flood Insurance Reform Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that H.R. 1309, to extend the authorization of the national flood insurance program, to achieve reforms to improve the financial integrity and stability of the program, and to increase the role of private markets in the management of flood insurance risk, be discharged from the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, and that it be returned to the House of Representatives, pursuant to their Message on July 25, 2011, requesting its return. **Page S4915**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 117), Paul A. Engelmayer, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Pages S4893–94, S4915**

Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands for a term of ten years. **Pages S4893–94, S4915**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

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Robert S. Mueller III, of California, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a term expiring September 4, 2013.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
29 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—117) **Page S4894**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 27, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4915.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of General Martin E. Dempsey, USA for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Martin J. Gruenberg, of Maryland, to be Chairperson and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, who was introduced by former Senator Paul Sarbanes; Thomas J. Curry, of Massachusetts, to be Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; and S. Roy Woodall, Jr., of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council, who was introduced by Senator Nelson (NE), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DEFICIT REDUCTION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on deficit reduction, focusing on a review of key issues, after receiving testimony from Lawrence B. Lindsey, former Director, National Economic Council, Fairfax, Virginia, on behalf of the Lindsey Group; Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; Michael Ettlinger, Center for American Progress Action Fund; and Chris Edwards, Cato Institute; all of Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1280, to amend the Peace Corps Act to require sexual assault risk-reduction and response training, and the development of sexual assault protocol and guidelines, the establishment of victims advocates, and the establishment of a Sexual Assault Advisory Council, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 216, encouraging women's political participation in Saudi Arabia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Con. Res. 17, expressing the sense of Congress that Taiwan should be accorded observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO);

S. Res. 175, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to ongoing violations of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Georgia and the importance of a peaceful and just resolution to the conflict within Georgia's internationally recognized borders;

Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, signed at Kigali on February 19, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110-23);

Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the

Republic of Hungary for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 4, 2010, at Budapest (the "proposed Convention") and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on February 4, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 111-07);

Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the "proposed Protocol") and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111-08);

Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 112-01);

Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bermuda relating to Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Hamilton on January 12, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111-06);

The nominations of Derek J. Mitchell, of Connecticut, to be Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Burma, with the rank of Ambassador, Frankie Annette Reed, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati, Paul D. Wohlers, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, William H. Moser, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Thomas M. Countryman, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Non-Proliferation, Jeffrey DeLaurentis, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Mexico, Arnold A. Chacon, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, Sung Y. Kim, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, David S.

Adams, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, all of the Department of State; and

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine small business contracts, focusing on how oversight failures and regulatory loopholes allow large businesses to get and keep small business contracts, after receiving testimony from Joseph G. Jordan, Associate Administrator for Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration; Mauricio P. Vera, Chief, Interagency Council of Federal Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Directors, and Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, United States Agency for International Development; and Mindy Connolly, Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration.

FEDERAL WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR INJURED EMPLOYEES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine Federal workers' compensation program for injured employees, including S. 261, to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for reform relating to Federal employees workers' compensation, focusing on questions to consider in changing benefits for older beneficiaries, after receiving testimony from Christine M. Griffin, Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management; Gary Steinberg, Acting Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor; Andrew Sherrill, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; Joseph A. Beaudoin, National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), Alexandria, Virginia; Gregory Krohm, International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions, Madison, Wisconsin; and Ron Watson, Washington, DC, on

behalf of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC).

AMERICAN DREAM AND MIDDLE CLASS FAMILIES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine building a ladder of opportunity, focusing on what's working to make the American dream a reality for middle class families, after receiving testimony from Hilda L. Solis, Secretary of Labor; Tom Prinske, T. Castro Produce Company, Chicago, Illinois; Deborah King, 1199SEIU Training and Employment Funds, and Sarah Corey, IceStone, both of New York, New York; and Kenneth P. Green, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC.

ECONOMIC IMPERATIVE FOR ENACTING IMMIGRATION REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security concluded a hearing to examine the economic imperative for enacting immigration reform, after receiving testimony from Mayor Laurent F. Gilbert, Sr., Lewiston, Maine; Mayor David R. Roefaro, Utica, New York; Mayor Paul Bridges, Uvalda, Georgia; Bob Greifeld, NASDAQ OMX, New York, New York; David J. Skorton, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York; Brad Smith, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; Puneet Arora, Immigration Voice, Los Angeles, California; and Ronil Hira, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Matthew G. Olsen, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Conrad, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 2642–2662; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 74; and H. Res. 373–374 were introduced.

Pages H5579–80

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H5580–81

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2056, to instruct the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to study the impact of insured depository institution failures, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–182) and

H. Res. 372, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2587) to prohibit the National Labor Relations Board from ordering any employer to close, relocate, or transfer employment under any circumstance (H. Rept. 112–183).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ross (FL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:07 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Miroslaus Stelmaszczyk, Holy Family Church, Creighton, Pennsylvania.

Page H5500

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 313 yeas to 111 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 639.

Pages H5500, H5508–09

Recess: The House recessed at 1:02 p.m. and reconvened at 1:11 p.m.

Page H5507

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, July 25th:

Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act of 2011: Concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 1383, to temporarily preserve higher rates for tuition and fees for programs of education at non-public institutions of higher learning pursued by individuals enrolled in the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs before the enactment of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 638.

Pages H5507–08

Recess: The House recessed at 1:50 p.m. and reconvened at 1:55 p.m.

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Official Photograph of the House in Session: The official photograph of the House in session was taken pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 299.

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North American-Made Energy Security Act: The House passed H.R. 1938, to direct the President to expedite the consideration and approval of the construction and operation of the Keystone XL oil pipeline, by a recorded vote of 279 yeas to 147 nays with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 650.

Pages H5504–07, H5509–39

Rejected the Sutton motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 181 yeas to 248 nays, Roll No. 649.

Pages H5537–38

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

Page H5518

Agreed to:

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 112–181) that adds a sense of Congress that the United States must decrease its dependence on oil from countries that are hostile to the interests of the United States of America and that Canada has long been a strong trading partner and increasing access to their energy resources will create jobs in the United States.

Pages H5527–29

Rejected:

Christensen amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–181) that sought to include a finding stating that the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement estimates that the Keystone XL pipeline would increase carbon pollution associated with United States fuel use by up to 23,000,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide;

Pages H5521–22

Welch amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–181) that sought to add language to the findings section that states that the Keystone XL pipeline would run through the Ogallala Aquifer and explain the risk involved with this route (by a recorded vote of 164 yeas to 260 nays, Roll No. 640);

Pages H5518–19, H5531

Rush amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–181) that sought to strike paragraph 15 of the findings section (by a recorded vote of 164 yeas to 261 nays with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 641);

Pages H5519–20, H5531–32

Eshoo amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–181) that sought to include a finding stating

the PHMSA Administrator testified at a Congressional hearing and stated that the PHMSA had not done a study analyzing the risks associated with transporting diluted bitumen; also require PHMSA to complete a review of the risks associated with transporting diluted bitumen, and whether current pipeline regulations are sufficient (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 264 noes, Roll No. 642);

Pages H5520–21, H5532–33

Cohen amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–181) that sought to strike finding 16 and replace it with language that outlines TransCanada's recent pipeline safety issues with the Keystone pipeline (by a recorded vote of 155 ayes to 272 noes, Roll No. 643);

Pages H5522–23, H5533

Murphy (CT) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–181) that sought to add findings language noting that construction of the pipeline would permit a new source of oil exports to China and other nations (by a recorded vote of 152 ayes to 275 noes, Roll No. 644);

Pages H5523–25, H5533–34

Rush amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–181) that sought to extend the deadline for permit decision to 120 days after final environmental impact statement or until January 1, 2012 (by a recorded vote of 161 ayes to 265 noes, Roll No. 645);

Pages H5525–26, H5534–35

Hanabusa amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–181) that sought to require that a Presidential Permit approving the construction and operation of the Keystone XL pipeline will not be issued unless the Secretary of Energy in consultation with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), certify that the applicant has calculated a worst-case oil spill scenario for the proposed pipeline; and has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary and the PHMSA that the applicant possesses the capability and technology to respond immediately and effectively to such a worst case scenario (by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 646);

Pages H5526, H5535

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 112–181) that sought to require a study on the health impacts of increased air pollution in communities surrounding the refineries that will transport diluted bitumen through the proposed Keystone XL pipeline (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 263 noes, Roll No. 647); and

Pages H5526–27, H5535–36

Kucinich amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 112–181) that sought to require an analysis of the effect of the proposed pipeline on manipulation of oil markets and increased gas prices for American consumers (by a recorded vote of 164 ayes to 261 noes, Roll No. 648).

Pages H5529–30, H5536

H. Res. 370, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of

246 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 637, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our Nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces and their families.

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

Small Business Program Extension and Reform Act of 2011: H.R. 2608, amended, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

Pages H5539–41

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Instructing the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to study the impact of insured depository institution failures: H.R. 2056, amended, to instruct the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to study the impact of insured depository institution failures.

Pages H5541–43

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 2584, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, July 25th.

Pages H5543–78

Agreed to:

Bass (NH) amendment that increases funding, by offset, for several land acquisition accounts by a total of \$20 million;

Pages H5546–48

Tipton amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the land acquisition accounts of the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service by \$2,500,000 each;

Pages H5549–50

Griffin (AR) amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund by \$3 million;

Pages H5561–62

Carter amendment that redirects \$1 million in funding with respect to National Park Service, Construction;

Pages H5565–66

Gosar amendment that allows use of funds in the bill to operate charter schools; and

Pages H5569–70

Gosar amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Indian Health Services by \$4,367,000.

Pages H5575–78

Rejected:

Lamborn amendment that sought to eliminate funding for several land acquisition accounts and apply \$50,721,000 to the spending reduction account and

Pages H5548–49

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Environmental Programs and Management by \$5 million.

Pages H5573–75**Withdrawn:**

Norton amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$300,000 in funding with respect to National Recreation and Preservation and

Pages H5564–65

Mica amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for National Park Service, Construction by \$2 million.

Pages H5566–69**Proceedings Postponed:**

Clarke (MI) amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Environmental Programs and Management by \$10 million;

Pages H5544–46

Dicks amendment that seeks to strike the proviso relating to funding limitations for carrying out certain subsections of the Endangered Species Act;

Pages H5550–61

Tonko amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for National Recreation and Preservation by \$8,408,000;

Pages H5562–63

Amash amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2011) that seeks to striking funding for the National Capital Performing Arts/Capital Concerts and apply the savings to the spending reduction account;

Pages H5563–64

Dold amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Environmental Programs and Management by \$24,700,000;

Pages H5570–71

Reed amendment (No. 44 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2011) that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for State and Private Forestry by \$8,291,000; and

Pages H5571–72

Scalise amendment, as modified, that seeks to reduce funding for the Office of the Secretary, Departmental Operations by \$420,000.

Pages H5572–73

H. Res. 363, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, July 25th.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5581–82.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and 11 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5507, H5508, H5508–09, H5531, H5531–32, H5532–33, H5533, H5533–34, H5534, H5535, H5535–36, H5536, H5538, H5538–39. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TEN YEARS AFTER THE 2001 AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF MILITARY FORCE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on Ten Years After the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force: Current Status of Legal Authorities, Detention, and Prosecution in the War on Terror. Testimony was heard from Michael B. Mukasey, Partner, Debevoise and Plimpton, LLP, former Attorney General of the United States, former Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; Daniel Dell 'Orto, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, AM General LLC, former Principal Deputy General Counsel and Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense; Steven Engel, Partner, Dechert LLP, former Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, Office of Legal Counsel; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INVESTMENT IN TECHNOLOGY AND CAPABILITY TO MEET EMERGING SECURITY THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Department of Defense investment in technology and capability to meet emerging security threats. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TOTAL FORCE READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on total force readiness. Testimony was heard from GEN Peter W. Chiarelli, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; ADM Jonathan W. Greenert, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy; Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, U.S. Marine Corps; and Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF THE LABOR DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL ON WORKERS AND RETIREES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled "Redefining 'Fiduciary': Assessing the Impact of the Labor Department's Proposal on Workers and Retirees." Testimony was heard from Phyllis Borzi, Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration; and public witnesses.

CYBERSECURITY: AN OVERVIEW OF RISKS TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing is entitled “Cybersecurity: An Overview of Risks to Critical Infrastructure.” Testimony was heard from Bobbie Stempfley, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Cyber Security and Communications, Department of Homeland Security; Sean P. McGurk, Director, National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC) in the Office of Cybersecurity and Communications, Department of Homeland Security; and Gregory Wilshusen, Director of Information Security Issues, GAO.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup of the following: H.R. 2405, the “Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 1254, the “Synthetic Drug Control Act”; and H.R. 1852, the “Children’s Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act.” The following were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 2405 and H.R. 1254. H.R. 1852 was forwarded without amendment.

EXAMINING RENTAL PURCHASE AGREEMENTS AND THE POTENTIAL ROLE FOR FEDERAL REGULATION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Examining Rental Purchase Agreements and the Potential Role for Federal Regulation.” Testimony was heard from Charles Harwood, Deputy Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; and public witnesses.

IMPACT OF MONETARY POLICY ON THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology held a hearing entitled “Impact of Monetary Policy on the Economy: A Regional Fed Perspective on Inflation, Unemployment, and QE3.” Testimony was heard from Thomas M. Hoenig, President, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

EASTERN EUROPE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia held a hearing on Eastern Europe: The State of Democracy and Freedom. Testimony was heard from Thomas O. Melia, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

REASSESSING AMERICAN GRAND STRATEGY IN SOUTH ASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Reassessing American Grand Strategy in South Asia. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COORDINATING AFRICA POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a joint hearing on Coordinating Africa Policy on Security, Counterterrorism, Humanitarian Operations and Development. Testimony was heard from Donald Y. Yamamoto, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Vicki Huddleston, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; and Sharon Cromer, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development.

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL EFFORTS TO PREVENT NUCLEAR AND RADIOLOGICAL TERRORISM WITHIN THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled “The Last Line of Defense: Federal, State, and Local Efforts to Prevent Nuclear and Radiological Terrorism Within the United States.” Testimony was heard from Warren M. Stern, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Department of Homeland Security; Carl Pavetto, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Emergency Operations, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Richard Daddario, Deputy Commissioner for Counterterrorism, New York City Police Department; Mark Perez, Homeland Security Advisor, Florida Department of Law Enforcement; and David C. Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 2572, the “Clean Up Government Act of 2011.” Testimony was heard from Mary Pat Brown, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement held a hearing on H.R. 2497, the “Hinder the Administration’s Legalization Temptation Act.” Testimony was heard from Sen. Vitter; and public witnesses.

NOAA'S FISHERY SCIENCE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled "NOAA's Fishery Science: Is the Lack of Basic Science Costing Jobs?" Testimony was heard from Rep. Mica; Rep. Jones; Eric Schwaab, Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following: H.R. 2578, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1581, the "Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011." Testimony was heard from Sen. Barrasso; Rep. McCarthy of California; Rep. Pearce; Robert V. Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Harris Sherman, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Bruce Babbitt, Former Secretary of the Interior; Mike Noel, Utah House of Representatives, District 73; Kent Connelly, County Commissioner, Lincoln County, Wyoming; and public witnesses.

OPERATION FAST AND FURIOUS: THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BORDER

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Operation Fast and Furious: The Other Side of the Border." Testimony was heard from Carlos Canino, ATF Acting Attaché to Mexico; Darren Gil, former ATF Attaché to Mexico; Jose Wall, ATF Senior Special Agent, Tijuana, Mexico; Lorren Leadmon, ATF Intelligence Operations Specialist; William Newell, former ATF Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Field Division; and William McMahon, ATF Deputy Assistant Director for Field Operations (West, including Phoenix and Mexico).

LIGHTS OUT: HOW EPA REGULATIONS THREATEN AFFORDABLE POWER AND JOB CREATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending held a hearing entitled "Lights Out: How EPA Regulations Threaten Affordable Power and Job Creation." Testimony was heard from Robert W. Perciasepe, Deputy Administrator, EPA; and public witnesses.

PROTECTING JOBS FROM GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2587, the "Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act". The Committee granted, by record vote of 7 to 4, a closed rule providing one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony on H.R. 2587 was heard from the following: Chairman Kline; Rep. George Miller of California; and Rep. Andrews.

FASTER FOIA ACT OF 2011 (BUDGET CONTROL ACT OF 2011)

Committee on Rules: Full Committee began a hearing on S. 627 the "Faster FOIA Act of 2011" (Budget Control Act of 2011). Testimony on S. 627 was heard from Rep. Van Hollen. The Committee plans to continue the hearing on S. 627 at a date and time to be determined.

ENSURING LIMITED FEDERAL RESOURCES ARE INVESTED IN THE BEST SCIENCE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing entitled "The Merit Review Process: Ensuring Limited Federal Resources are Invested in the Best Science." Testimony was heard from Cora Marrett, Deputy Director, National Science Foundation; and public witnesses.

HOW TO IMPROVE OPERATIONS AND IMPLEMENT EFFICIENCIES FOR THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled "How to Improve Operations and Implement Efficiencies for the United States Coast Guard." Testimony was heard from Rep. Farr; Vice Admiral John Currier, Deputy Commandant for Mission Support, United States Coast Guard; Vice Admiral Brian Salerno, Deputy Commandant for Operations, United States Coast Guard; and Holly Bamford, Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

ALTERNATIVE TAX SYSTEMS

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on alternative tax systems, with a focus on tax systems that are based on taxing consumption rather than income. Testimony was heard from Mike Huckabee, former Governor, Arkansas; Jim White, Director, Tax Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

BOSNIA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Bosnia, focusing on obstacles to progress and recommendations for the international response, after receiving testimony from Clifford Bond, former U.S. Ambassador to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Department of State, and Nida Gelazis, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, both of Washington, D.C.; and Kurt Bassuener, Democratization Policy Council, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Education, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine financial management and business transformation at the Department of Defense, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine defending United States economic interests in the changing arctic, focusing on if there is a strategy, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine improving highway and vehicle safety, focusing on reauthorization of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine chief executive officer (CEO) perspectives on how the tax code affects hiring, businesses and economic growth, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on emergency communications, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine fulfilling our treaty obligations and protecting Americans abroad, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Edgardo Ramos, of Connecticut, Andrew L. Carter, Jr., and Jesse M. Furman, all to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, James Rodney Gilstrap, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, and Jennifer Guerin Zipp, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the lifetime costs of supporting the newest generation of veterans, 10 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of Title I and the SURE Program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, markup of the FY 2012 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on the Way Ahead in Afghanistan, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on The Reserve Components as an Operational Force: Potential Legislative and Policy Changes, 1:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Force, hearing on sustaining nuclear deterrence after New START, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Education Reforms: Exploring Teacher Quality Initiatives." 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, markup of the following: discussion draft of the "Pipeline Infrastructure and Community Protection Act of 2011"; and H.R. 2054, the "Energy and Revenue Enrichment Act of 2011." 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Credit Rating Agencies Post Dodd-Frank." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "The Impact of the World Bank and Multi-Lateral Development Banks on National Security and U.S. Job Creation." 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Axis of Abuse: U.S. Human Rights Policy toward Iran and Syria, Part 1, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Al Shabaab: Recruitment and Radicalization within the Muslim American Community and the Threat to the Homeland." 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing entitled "Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee Responsibilities and Remuneration." 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Full Committee, begin markup of the following: H.R. 1981, the "Protecting Children From Internet Pornographers Act of 2011"; H.R. 1433, the "Private Property

Rights Protection Act of 2011”; H.R. 2633, the “Appeal Time Clarification Act of 2011”; H.R. 83, the “Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2189, the “Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2011.” 11:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled “State Perspectives on Offshore Revenue Sharing.” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Disposal of Federal Real Property: Legislative Proposals.” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy, hearing entitled “The Thrift Savings Plan: Helping Federal Employees Achieve Retirement Security.” 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Bureaucratic Obstacles for Small Exporters: Is our National Export Strategy Working?” 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “The European Union’s Emissions Trading Scheme: A Violation of International Law.” 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “The Economic Development Administration: How to Improve Effectiveness through Reforms and Consolidations.” 10:30 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Terrorism, HUMINT, Analysis, and Counterintelligence, hearing on Preventing Violent Radicalization in America, 3 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine maximizing America’s prosperity, focusing on how fiscal rules can restrain Federal overspending, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 27

Next meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business for one hour.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 2587—Protecting Jobs From Government Interference Act (Subject to a Rule).

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