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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6241–S6287

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3530–3536, and S. Res. 551–553. **Pages S6270–71**

Measures Reported:

S. 46, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000. (S. Rept. No. 112–210) **Page S6270**

Measures Passed:

Frederick Douglass Statue: Senate passed H.R. 6336, to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept a statue depicting Frederick Douglass from the District of Columbia and to provide for the permanent display of the statue in Emancipation Hall of the United States Capitol. **Pages S6284–85**

Deaths of Americans at U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya: Senate agreed to S. Res. 551, commending the 4 American public servants who died in Benghazi, Libya, including Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, for their tireless efforts on behalf of the American people and condemning the violent attack on the United States consulate in Benghazi. **Pages S6285–S86**

National Principals Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 552, recognizing the month of October 2012 as ''National Principals Month''. **Page S6286**

National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 553, designating September 22, 2012, as ''National Falls Prevention Awareness Day'' to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults. **Page S6287**

Measures Considered:

Veterans Jobs Corps Act: Senate began consideration of S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S6243–60**

Pending:

Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6259**

Reid Amendment No. 2808 (to Amendment No. 2789), to change the enactment date. **Page S6259**

Reid Amendment No. 2809 (to Amendment No. 2808), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6259**

Reid Amendment No. 2810 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2789), to change the enactment date. **Page S6259**

Reid Amendment No. 2811 (to Amendment No. 2810), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6259**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2812, to change the enactment date. **Page S6259**

Reid Amendment No. 2813 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2812), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6259**

Reid Amendment No. 2814 (to Amendment No. 2813), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S6259–60**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, September 14, 2012. **Page S6260**

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 Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789. **Page S6260**

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

By 84 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 192), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S6259**

Family and Business Tax Cut Certainty Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3521, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions. **Pages S6260–61**

Messages from the House: **Page S6266**

Measures Referred: **Page S6266**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—192) Page S6259

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:38 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6287.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

LOW-EARTH ORBIT TO MARS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the path from low-Earth orbit to Mars, after receiving testimony from Fuk Li, Director, Mars Exploration Directorate, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and John Grunsfeld, Associate Administrator, Science Mission Directorate, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Charles F. Kennel, Chair, National Research Council Space Studies Board, Division on Engineering and Physical Sciences, The National Academies, and University of California San Diego Scripps Institute of Oceanography; John Grotzinger, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena; Steven W. Squyres, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York; and Jim Maser, Pratt and Whitney Rocketdyne, Los Angeles, California.

NUCLEAR WASTE ADMINISTRATION ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3469, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste, after receiving testimony from General Brent Scowcroft, Co-Chairman, and Richard A. Meserve, Commissioner, both of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future; Peter Lyons, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Energy; Henry B. Barron, Constellation Energy Nuclear Group, LLC, Baltimore, Maryland; and Geoffrey H. Fettus, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, DC.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee with the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a joint oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's implementation of recommendations for enhancing nuclear reactor safety in the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Allison M. MacFarlane, Chairman, and Kristine L. Svinicki, George Apostolakis, William D. Magwood, IV, and William C. Ostendorff, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

UPDATE ON SYRIA AND IRAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on an intelligence update on Syria and Iran from national security briefers.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joseph E. Macmanus, of New York, to be Representative to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, Sharon English Woods Villarosa, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, and Walter North, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands, and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of the General Services Administration, after receiving testimony from Daniel Tangherlini, Acting Administrator, and Brian D. Miller, Inspector General, both of the General Services Administration.

CITIZENS UNITED

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the *Citizens United* court and the continuing importance of the "Voting Rights Act", after receiving testimony from Senator Tester; Anthony Johnstone, University of Montana School of Law, Missoula; and Michael A. Carvin, Jones Day, and Elisabeth MacNamara, League of Women Voters of the United States, both of Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3340, to improve and enhance the programs and activities of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding suicide

prevention and resilience and behavioral health disorders for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, with amendments;

S. 3322, to strengthen enforcement and clarify certain provisions of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, and chapter 43 of title 38, United States Code, and to reconcile, restore, clarify, and conform similar provisions in other related civil rights statutes;

S. 3313, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to women veterans, to improve health care furnished by the Department, with amendments;

S. 2259, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2012, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans;

S. 2241, to ensure that veterans have the information and protections they require to make informed decisions regarding use of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance; and

S. 1707, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 6377–6387; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 137; and H. Res. 780 were introduced. **Pages H5922–23**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5923**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2356, to enhance homeland security by improving efforts to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from an attack with a weapon of mass destruction, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–665, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3479, to reauthorize Federal natural hazards reduction programs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–666, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 778, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 117) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6365) to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to replace the sequester established by the Budget Control Act of 2011 (H. Rept. 112–667); and

H. Res. 779, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6213) to limit further taxpayer exposure from the loan guarantee program established under title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 112–668). **Page H5922**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Buerkle to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5863**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5869**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Matthew Mello, The Church of the Resurrection, Lakeland, Florida. **Page H5869**

Minnesota Education Investment and Employment Act: The House passed H.R. 5544, to authorize and expedite a land exchange involving National Forest System land in the Laurentian District of the Superior National Forest and certain other National Forest System land in the State of Minnesota that has limited recreational and conservation resources and lands owned by the State of Minnesota in trust for the public school system that are largely scattered in checkerboard fashion within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and have important recreational, scenic, and conservation resources, by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 568. **Pages H5873–90**

Rejected the Ellison motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 567. **Pages H5888–90**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–30, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–660, 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 Natural Resources 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. **Page H5879**

Rejected:

McCollum amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–660) that sought to ensure tribal treaty rights are preserved and tribes are consulted (by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 563); **Pages H5880–81, H5885–86**

Holt amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–660) that sought to restore public participation in development of this proposed land exchange, which is prohibited under H.R. 5544 (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 564); **Pages H5881–82, H5886–87**

Ellison amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–660) that sought to ensure that no National Forest System lands shall be included in the exchange where the inclusion or use of the lands is likely to have a negative impact on private property, property values, and small businesses (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 565); and **Pages H5882–84, H5887**

Grijalva amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–660) that sought to strike the unusual appraisal language from H.R. 5544 and replace it with standard appraisal provisions used in federal land exchanges (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 566). **Pages H5884–85, H5887–88**

H. Res. 773, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5544) and (H.R. 5949), was agreed to yesterday, September 11th.

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Ambassador Stevens and the American personnel killed in Libya. **Page H5886**

FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization Act of 2012: The House passed H.R. 5949, to extend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 for five years, by a yea-and-nay vote of 301 yeas to 118 nays, Roll No. 569. **Pages H5890–H5901**

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 adopted. **Page H5890**

H. Res. 773, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5544) and (H.R. 5949), was agreed to yesterday, September 11th.

Recess: The House recessed at 4:29 p.m. and reconvened at 4:44 p.m. **Page H5900**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated yesterday, September 11th:

Public Transit Security and Local Law Enforcement Support Act: H.R. 3857, amended, to amend the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to include as an eligible use the sustainment of specialized operational teams used by local law enforcement under the Transit Security Grant Program, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 355 yeas to 62 nays, Roll No. 570 and **Page H5901**

American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2012: H.R. 5865, amended, to promote the growth and competitiveness of American manufacturing, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 339 yeas to 77 nays, Roll No. 571. **Pages H5901–02**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5885–86, H5886–87, H5887, H5887–88, H5889–90, H5890, H5900–01, H5901 and H5902. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LEARNING FROM THE PAST AND PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Operational Support: Learning from the Past and Preparing for the Future''. Testimony was heard from Alan F. Estevez, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness; Brigadier General Craig C. Crenshaw, USMC, Vice Director, J–4, Joint Staff; Moshe Schwartz, Specialist in Defense Acquisition, Congressional Research Service; and Tim DiNapoli, Acting Director for Acquisitions and Sourcing, Government Accountability Office.

EXPANDING THE POWER OF BIG LABOR: THE NRLB'S GROWING INTRUSION INTO HIGHER EDUCATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pension; and Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training held a joint hearing entitled ''Expanding the Power of Big Labor: The NRLB's Growing Intrusion into Higher Education''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled ''Where the Jobs Are: There's an App for That''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DOE'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS COMPLEX: CHALLENGES TO SAFETY, SECURITY, AND TAXPAYER STEWARDSHIP

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled ''DOE's Nuclear Weapons Complex: Challenges to Safety, Security, and Taxpayer Stewardship''. Testimony was heard from Daniel B. Poneman, Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy; Glenn S. Podonsky, Chief Health Safety and Security Officer, Department of Energy; Gregory H. Friedman, Inspector General, Department of Energy; Mark E. Gaffigan, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, Government Accountability Office.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 2827, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to clarify provisions relating to the regulation of municipal advisors, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6361, the ''Vulnerable Veterans Housing Reform Act of 2102''. H.R. 6361 was ordered reported, without amendment; and H.R. 2827 was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 6313, to promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea and its environs and other maritime areas adjacent to the East Asian mainland; and hearing entitled ''Beijing as an Emerging Power in the South China Sea''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ORGAN HARVESTING OF RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL DISSIDENTS BY THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a joint hearing entitled ''Organ Harvesting of Religious and Political Dissidents by the Chinese Communist Party''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EMP THREAT: EXAMINING THE CONSEQUENCES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled ''The EMP Threat: Examining the Consequences''. Testimony was heard from Representative Trent Franks (AZ); Joseph McClelland Director, Office of Electric Reliability, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Brandon Wales, Director, Homeland Infrastructure Threat and Risk Analysis Center, Department of Homeland Security; Michael A. Aimone, Director, Business Enterprise Integration, Office of the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Installations, Office of Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

RESILIENT COMMUNICATIONS: CURRENT CHALLENGES AND FUTURE ADVANCEMENTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communication held a hearing entitled ''Resilient Communications: Current Challenges and Future Advancements''. Testimony was heard from Bobbie Stempfley, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Cybersecurity and Communications, Department of Homeland Security; David Turetsky, Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; and public witnesses.

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S ABUSE OF POWER

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''The Obama Administration's Abuse of Power''. Testimony was heard from Senator Mike Lee (UT); and public witnesses.

DAWOOD NATIONAL MILITARY HOSPITAL AFGHANISTAN: WHAT HAPPENED AND WHAT WENT WRONG?

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations, held a hearing entitled ''Dawood National Military Hospital Afghanistan: What Happened and What Went Wrong?''. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General William B. Caldwell, United States Army; Major General Gary S. Patton, United States Army; and Kenneth P. Moorefield, Deputy Inspector General for Special Plans and Operations, Department of Defense.

NO MORE SOLYNDRAS ACT; NATIONAL SECURITY AND JOB PROTECTION ACT; AND CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 6213, the ''No More Solyndras Act''; H.R. 6365, the ''National Security and Job Protection Act''; and H.J. Res. 117 the ''Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013''. The Committee granted a closed rule for H.J. Res. 117. The rule provides for 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 joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be

considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. The resolution further provides for a closed rule for H.R. 6365. The rule provides for one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. The Committee reported an additional rule granting, by a record vote of 8–3, a structured rule for H.R. 6213. The rule provides for 90 minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. 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 112–31 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those 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. The rule also authorizes the Speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules at any time on the legislative day of September 20, 2012 or September 21, 2012. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rogers (KY), and Representatives Dicks, Garrett, Van Hollen, Stearns, Rush, and Whitfield.

USER FEES IN THE AVIATION INDUSTRY: TURBULENCE AHEAD

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''User Fees in the Aviation Industry: Turbulence Ahead''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING NASA'S DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPACE LAUNCH SYSTEM AND ORION CREW CAPSULE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled ''Examining NASA's Development of the Space Launch System and Orion Crew Capsule''. Testimony was heard from Daniel L. Dumbacher, Deputy Associate Administrator for Exploration Systems Development, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

MISMANAGEMENT OF FUNDS AT THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE AND THE IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF WEATHER FORECASTING

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled ''Mismanagement of Funds at the National Weather Service and the Impact on the Future of Weather Forecasting''. Testimony heard from Kathryn D. Sullivan, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction and Deputy Administrator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Todd J. Zinser, Department of Commerce, Office of Inspector General; Richard Hirn, General Counsel and Legislative Director, National Weather Service; and a public witness.

REVIEW OF AND UPDATE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF FAA'S NEXTGEN PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled ''A Review of and Update on the Management of FAA's NextGen Program''. Testimony was heard from John D. Porcari, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation; Michael P. Huerta, Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Division, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

DIRECT DEPOSIT OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled ''Direct Deposit of Social Security Benefits''. Testimony was heard from Richard Gregg, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury; Theresa Gruber, Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Operations, Social Security Administration; Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., Inspector General, Social Security Administration; and a public witness.

IMPLEMENTATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGES AND RELATED PROVISIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled ''Implementation of

Health Insurance Exchanges and Related Provisions''. Testimony was heard from Michael Consedine, Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner, Department of Insurance; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine holding the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) accountable, focusing on a review of the semi-annual report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations Stephen D. Mull, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, and Dawn M. Liberi, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, both of the Department of State, 10:30 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine improving college affordability, focusing on a view from the states, 10:30 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine issues related to the quality of disability benefit awards involving 300 case files of claimants under the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs involving initial applications and subsequent levels of appeal, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 675, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, S. 1345, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and S. 1684, to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the impacts of the Carcieri and Patchak decisions, 2:15 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 645, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system, H.R. 2471, to amend section 2710 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that a video tape service provider may obtain a consumer's informed, written consent on an ongoing basis and that consent may be obtained through the Internet, S. 3486, to implement the provisions of the Hague Agreement and the Patent Law Treaty, S. 1894, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, S. 3250, to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to provide for Debbie Smith grants for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and to establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Registry, S. 3523, Innovative Design Protection Act, and the nomination of William Joseph Baer, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on F–22 pilot physiological issues, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the Federal Voting Assistance Program, 11:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Y–12 Intrusion: Investigation, Response, and Accountability, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, markup of H.J. Res. 118, providing for congressional disapproval of the Administration's July 12, 2012 waiver of welfare work requirements, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled ''The American Energy Initiative'', 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled ''Creating Opportunities through Improved Government Spectrum Efficiency'', 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled ''Examining the Uses of Consumer Credit Data'', 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled ''Combating the Haqqani Terrorist Network'', 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled ''Assessing U.S. Policy on Peacekeeping Operations in Africa'', 3 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled ''Conditions at Camp Liberty: U.S. and Iraqi Failures'', 3 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications; and Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, joint hearing entitled ''BioWatch Present and Future: Meeting Mission Needs for Effective Biosurveillance?'', 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Committee Oversight of Department of the Interior: Questioning of Key Department of the Interior Officials'', 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services, and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs and the Committee on Financial Services' Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, joint hearing entitled ''The JOBS Act: Importance of Prompt Implementation

for Entrepreneurs, Capital Formation, and Job Creation'', 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations, hearing entitled ''SIGAR Report: Document Destruction and Millions of Dollars Unaccounted for at the Department of Defense'', 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Capital Access and Tax, hearing entitled ''Adding to Uncertainty: Small Businesses' Perspectives on the Tax Cliff'', 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled ''Evaluating the Effectiveness of DOT's Truck and Bus Safety Program'', 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup of H.J. Res. 118, providing for congressional disapproval of the Administration's July 12, 2012 waiver of welfare work requirements, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Investigation of the Security Threat Posed by Chinese Telecommunications Companies Huawei and ZTE'', 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, September 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: The Majority Leader will be recognized. The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789 to S. 3457, Veterans Jobs Corps Act, and the bill is at 1 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, September 13

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 6365—National Security and Job Protection Act (Subject to a Rule) and H.J. Res. 117—Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2013 (Subject to a Rule).

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

Bishop, Sanford D., Jr., Ga., E1501
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