Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 2:00:13 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 2:00:41 p.m. until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, September 19, 2012.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 in pro forma session.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 18 through September 21, 2012

Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday,* at approximately 10 a.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 3457, Veterans Jobs Corps Act, with a vote on the motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789, at approximately 12:00 p.m. At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.J. Res. 117, Continuing Appropriations Resolution.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 20, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine computerized trading, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 19, to hold hearings to examine five years of the ''America COMPETES Act'', focusing on progress, challenges, and next steps, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

September 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine business practices in the household goods moving industry, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 19, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 3265, to amend the Federal Power Act to remove the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to collect land use fees for land that has been sold, exchanged, or otherwise transferred from Federal ownership but that is subject to a power site reservation, H.R. 2842, to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, S. 3464, to amend the Mni Wiconi Project Act of 1988 to facilitate completion of the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System, and S. 3483, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 20, to hold hearings to examine the ''Water Resources

Development Act'', focusing on growing the economy and protecting public safety, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: September 20, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Ways and Means to examine tax reform and the tax treatment of capital gains, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 19, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert Stephen Beecroft, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

September 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2215, to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, S. 2318, to authorize the Secretary of State to pay a reward to combat transnational organized crime and for information concerning foreign nationals wanted by international criminal tribunals, S. 3310, to direct the President, in consultation with the Department of State, United States Agency for International Development, Millennium Challenge Corporation, and the Department of Defense, to establish guidelines for United States foreign assistance programs, S. 3331, to provide for universal intercountry adoption accreditation standards, S. 3341, to require a quadrennial diplomacy and development review, S. Con. Res. 50, expressing the sense of Congress regarding actions to preserve and advance the multistakeholder governance model under which the Internet has thrived, S. Res. 516, expressing the sense of the Senate on the restitution of or compensation for property seized during the Nazi and Communist eras, S. Res. 466, calling for the release from prison of former Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko, S. Res. 543, to express the sense of the Senate on international parental child abduction, the nominations of Richard G. Olson, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Joseph E. Macmanus, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, 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, 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, Dawn M. Liberi, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, and Stephen D. Mull, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, all of the Department of State, and John Hardy Isakson, of Georgia, and Patrick J. Leahy, of Vermont, both to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-seventh Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and lists in the Foreign Service, 2:15 p.m., S–116, Capitol.

September 20, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on the security of United States diplomatic and consular missions, 8:30 a.m., SVC–217.

September 20, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine maritime territorial disputes and sovereignty issues in Asia, 2 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 19, business meeting to consider S. 3391, to amend section 353 of the Public Health Service Act with respect to suspension, revocation, and limitation of laboratory certification, an original bill entitled, ''Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act of 2012'', S. 1440, to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity, and nomination lists in the Public Health Service, 10 a.m., SD–430.

September 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pension modernization for a 21st century workforce, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 19, to hold hearings to examine homeland threats and agency responses, 10 a.m., SD–342.

September 19, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine investing in an effective Federal workforce, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

September 20, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine offshore profit shifting and the U.S. tax code, 2 p.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Indian Affairs: September 20, business meeting to consider S. 65, to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians, S. 2024, to make technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, S. 3546, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to reauthorize a provision to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages, S. 3548, to clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994, H.R. 2467, to take certain Federal lands in Mono County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Bridgeport Indian Colony, to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine advancing the Federal-tribal relationship through self-governance and self-determination, 2:15 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 19, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Katherine Polk Failla, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Pamela Ki Mai Chen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Troy L. Nunley, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Sheri Polster Chappell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Mark A. Barnett, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, 10 a.m., SD–226.

September 19, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine hate crimes and the threat of domestic extremism, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

September 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider 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: September 20, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

Special Committee on Aging: September 19, to hold hearings to examine eliminating waste and fraud in Medicare, focusing on an examination of prior authorization requirements for power mobility devices, 2:30 p.m., SD–562.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, September 20, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled ''Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) Program'', 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

September 20, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled ''Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization'', 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, September 20, Full Committee, hearing on Department of Defense Plans for Sequestration: The Sequestration Transparency Act of 2012 Report and the Way Forward, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, September 20, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training, hearing entitled ''Assessing College Data: Helping to Provide Valuable Information to Students, Institutions and Taxpayers'', 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled ''The American Energy Initiative: A Focus on H.R. 6172'', 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 21, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled ''The LightSquared Network: An Investigation of the FCC's Role'', 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''The Semi-Annual Report of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau'', 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 21, Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology, hearing entitled ''The Price of Money: Consequences of the Federal Reserve's Zero Interest Rate Policy'', 9:30 a.m., 2129 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, September 19, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, ''Examining the Role of Rwanda in the DRC Insurgency'', 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''The Future of U.S.-Egypt Relations'', 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 20, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing entitled ''Safeguarding Israel's Security in a Volatile Region'', 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, September 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''The Department of Homeland Security: An Assessment of the Department and a Roadmap for its Future'' 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

September 21, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management, hearing entitled ''DHS Acquisition Management Challenges: Solutions for Saving Taxpayer Dollars'', 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Regulation Nation: The Obama Administration's Regulatory Expansion vs. Jobs and Economic Recovery'', 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 20, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition, and the Internet, hearing entitled ''International IP Enforcement: Opening Markets Abroad and Protecting Innovation'', 2 p.m. 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, September 19, Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management hearing entitled ''Trade Adjustment Assistance for U.S. Firms: Evaluating Program Effectiveness and Recommendations'', 11 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

September 20, Full Committee, business meeting to approve ''A Citizen's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records''; and hearing entitled ''IG Report: The Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General Examines the Failures of Operation Fast and Furious'', 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 20, Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives; hearing entitled ''Examining the Administration's Failure to Prevent and End Medicaid Overpayments'', 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 20, 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, Part II'', 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, September 19, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3409, the ''Coal Miner Employment and Domestic Energy Infrastructure Protection Act''; and H. J. Res. 118 providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Family Assistance of the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to waiver and expenditure authority under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) with respect to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, 5 p.m., H–313, Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, September 20, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled ''The Impact of International Technology Transfer on American Research and Development'', 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Sequestration: The Threat to

Small Businesses, Jobs, and the Industrial Base'', 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''A Review of Amtrak Operations, Part III: Examining 41 Years of Taxpayer Subsidies'', 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 20, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled ''A Review of the Challenges Maintaining Legacy Assets Pose to United States Coast Guard Mission Performance'', 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 20, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled ''Forty Years after the Clean Water Act: Is it Time for the States to Implement Section 404 Permitting?'', 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, September 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Veterans Affairs in the 112th Congress: Reviewing VA's Performance and Accountability'', 10:15 a.m., 334 Cannon.

September 20, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled ''Examining the Re-Design of the Transition Assistance Program (TAP)'', 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

September 21, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled ''Breaking Through the Backlog: Evaluating the Effectiveness of the New State Strike Force Team'', 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, September 20, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled ''Benefits of Expanding U.S. Services Trade Through an International Services Agreement'', 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

September 21, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled ''Examining the Current Status of the Medicare Advantage (MA) Program and other Health Plans'', 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: September 20, Senate Committee on Finance, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Ways and Means to examine tax reform and the tax treatment of capital gains, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: The Majority Leader be recognized. Senate will resume consideration of S. 3457, Veterans Jobs Corps Act, with a vote on the motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789, at approximately 12 p.m. At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.J. Res. 117, Continuing Appropriations Resolution.

(Following the vote on the motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 2789 to S. 3457, Veterans Jobs Corps Act, Senate will recess until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Tuesday, September 18

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 12 noon.

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