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Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5265–S5319

Measures Introduced: Six bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3424–3429, S. Res. 525–528, and S. Con. Res. 53. **Page S5304**

Measures Passed:

Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act: Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2090, to amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to extend the period of time provided to the Indian Law and Order Commission to produce a required report, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5317–18**

National Airborne Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 527, designating August 16, 2012, as "National Airborne Day". **Page S5318**

100th Anniversary of the American Podiatric Medical Association: Senate agreed to S. Res. 528, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the American Podiatric Medical Association, the preeminent organization representing podiatric medicine and surgery, celebrating its achievements, and encouraging the association to continue providing guidance on foot and ankle health issues to the people of the United States and of the world. **Pages S5318–19**

Measures Considered:

Middle Class Tax Cut Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3412, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief to middle-class families. **Pages S5265–98**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2:15 p.m., on Wednesday, July 25, 2012, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5319**

Appointments:

Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 107–12, appointed the following individual as a member of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board: Rick Clemons of Kentucky, vice Charles Massarone. **Page S5319**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13441 with respect to Lebanon; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–59) **Page S5302**

Messages from the House: **Pages S5302–03**

Measures Referred: **Page S5303**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 25, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5319.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HOUSING PARTNERSHIPS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine housing partnerships in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Cheryl A. Causley, National American

Indian Housing Council, Brimley, Michigan; and David Bland, Travois, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri.

PRIVATE STUDENT LOANS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine private student loans, focusing on providing flexibility and opportunity to borrowers, after receiving testimony from Rohit Chopra, Student Loan Ombudsman, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Deanne Loonin, National Consumer Law Center Student Loan Borrower Assistance Project, Boston, Massachusetts; Jennifer Mishory, Young Invincibles, Washington, D.C.; and Jack Remondi, Sallie Mae, Newark, Delaware.

CABLE ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Cable Act at 20, after receiving testimony from former Senator Gordon H. Smith, National Association of Broadcasters, and Mark Cooper, Consumer Federation of America, both of Washington, D.C.; Melinda Witmer, Time Warner Cable, and Martin D. Franks, CBS Corporation, both of New York, New York; Colleen Abdoulah, WOW! Internet, Cable, and Phone, Englewood, Colorado; and Preston Padden, University of Colorado School of Law Silicon Flatirons Center, Boulder.

NATURAL GAS AS A FUEL FOR TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine assessing the opportunities for, current level of investment in, and barriers to the expanded usage of natural gas as a fuel for transportation, after receiving testimony from David L. Greene, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Dave McCurdy, American Gas Association, and Paul N. Cicio, Industrial Energy Consumers of America, both of Washington, D.C.; Michael Gallagher, Westport Innovations, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; and Reg Modlin, Chrysler Group LLC, Auburn Hills, Michigan.

EPA AND TOXIC CHEMICALS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee, with the Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health concluded an oversight hearing to examine Environmental Protection Agency authorities and actions to control exposures to toxic chemicals, including S. 847, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed, after receiving testimony from James J. Jones, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency; former Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives Hannah Pingree, North Haven; Heather M. Stapleton, Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment, Durham, North Carolina; Marshall Moore, Great Lakes Solutions, A Chemtura Business, West Lafayette, Indiana; William K. Rawson, Latham and Watkins, Washington, D.C.; and Tony Stefani, San Francisco Firefighters Cancer Prevention Foundation, Danville, California.

SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on an intelligence update on Syria from officials of the intelligence community.

STUDENT VISA SYSTEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security concluded a hearing to examine strengthening the student visa system, focusing on United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement's oversight of the Student and Exchange Visitor Program, including ensuring that foreign students studying in the United States comply with the terms of their admission into the county, after receiving testimony from John P. Woods, Assistant Director, National Security Investigations, Homeland Security Investigations, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and Rebecca Gambler, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

CITIZENS UNITED AND SUPER PACS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine responding to Citizens United and Super PACs, including S. 3369, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, Super PACs and other entities, after receiving testimony from Senators Baucus, Sanders, and Udall (NM); Representative Edwards; former Representative and Louisiana Governor Charles Roemer, Baton Rouge; Lawrence Lessig, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Ilya Shapiro, Cato Institute, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013".

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 6168–6181; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 115; H. Con. Res. 134; and H. Res. 739 were introduced. **Pages H5200–01**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5201–02**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1857, for the relief of Bartosz Kumor (H. Rept. 112–617);

H.R. 824, for the relief of Daniel Wachira (H. Rept. 112–618);

H.R. 823, for the relief of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas (H. Rept. 112–619);

H.R. 794, for the relief of Allan Bolor Kelley (H. Rept. 112–620);

H.R. 357, for the relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic (H. Rept. 112–621); and

H.R. 316, for the relief of Esther Karinge (H. Rept. 112–622). **Page H5200**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Rivera to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5133**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5137**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Bud Roland, St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Austin, Texas. **Page H5137**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:31 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. **Page H5140**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:17 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m. **Page H5148**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of those who lost their lives and those who were wounded in the shooting in Aurora, Colorado on Friday, July 20, 2012. **Page H5149**

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

Federal Reserve Transparency Act: H.R. 459, amended, to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States before the end of 2012. **Pages H5150–62**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police who were killed in the line of duty defending the Capitol against an intruder armed with a gun on July 24, 1998. **Page H5137**

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

Preserving America's Family Farms Act: H.R. 4157, amended, to prohibit the Secretary of Labor from finalizing a proposed rule under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 relating to child labor. **Pages H5162–67**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To prohibit the Secretary of Labor from reissuing or issuing a rule substantially similar to a certain proposed rule under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 relating to child labor.". **Page H5167**

Congressional Replacement of President Obama's Energy-Restricting and Job-Limiting Offshore Drilling Plan: The House began consideration of H.R. 6082, to officially replace, within the 60-day Congressional review period under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, President Obama's Proposed Final Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing Program (2012–2017) with a congressional plan that will conduct additional oil and natural gas lease sales to promote offshore energy development, job creation, and increased domestic energy production to ensure a more secure energy future in the United States. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H5141–50, H5167–82**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–29 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill. **Pages H5141, H5174**

Agreed to:

Hastings (WA) manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that makes technical corrections to the underlying bill and **Pages H5174–75**

Richardson amendment (No. 3 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that adds a new section which provides that in determining the areas off the coast of California to be made available for leasing under this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall consult with the Governor and legislature of the State of California. **Page H5176**

Proceedings Postponed:

Holt amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to strike the provision

that requires the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a single multi-sale environmental impact statement for all of the new areas opened for drilling by the underlying bill; **Page H5175**

Markey amendment (No. 4 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to prohibit gas produced under new leases authorized by this legislation from being exported to foreign countries;

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Markey amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to create a statutory requirement that new leases offered pursuant to this act include drilling safety improvements in response to the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster;

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Holt amendment (No. 6 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to end free drilling in the Gulf of Mexico by requiring oil companies to pay in order to receive new leases on public lands;

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Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 7 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to require each drilling permit application to include an estimate of how much the price of gasoline will decrease as a result of any oil or gas found under the permit; and

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Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 8 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to require each drilling permit application to include an estimate of the impact on global change of the consumption of any oil or gas found under the permit.

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H. Res. 738, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4078) and (H.R. 6082) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 170 noes, Roll No. 503, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 502. **Pages H5148–50**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the actions of certain persons to undermine the sovereignty of Lebanon or its democratic processes and institutions is to continue in effect beyond August 1, 2012—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–127). **Page H5141**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5148–49, H5149–50. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AFGHAN NATIONAL SECURITY FORCES AND SECURITY LEAD TRANSITION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Afghan National Security Forces and Security Lead Transition: The Assessment Process, Metrics, and Efforts to Build Capability. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Moorefield, Ambassador, Deputy Inspector General for Special Plans and Operations, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Defense; Charles M. Johnson, Jr., Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

VALUE OF ALTERNATIVE TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled ''Education Reforms: Discussing the Value of Alternative Teacher Certification Programs''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NRC POLICY AND GOVERNANCE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy and Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a joint hearing entitled ''NRC Policy and Governance Oversight''. Testimony was heard from the following Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials: Allison Macfarlane, Chairman; Kristine Svinicki, Commissioner; William Magwood, Commissioner; and William Ostendorff, Commissioner.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power began a markup of the ''No More Solyndras Act''.

EXAMINING CONSUMER CREDIT ACCESS CONCERNS, NEW PRODUCTS AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled ''Examining Consumer Credit Access Concerns, New Products and Federal Regulations''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE IMPACT OF DODD-FRANK'S INSURANCE REGULATIONS ON CONSUMERS, JOB CREATORS, AND THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held

a hearing entitled ''The Impact of Dodd-Frank's Insurance Regulations on Consumers, Job Creators, and the Economy''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. ENGAGEMENT IN CENTRAL ASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia held a hearing entitled ''U.S. Engagement in Central Asia''. Testimony was heard from Robert O. Blake, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Central and South Asian Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

SECURING FEDERAL FACILITIES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled ''Securing Federal Facilities: An Examination of FPS Progress in Improving Oversight and Assessing Risk''. Testimony was heard from L. Eric Patterson, Director, Federal Protective Service, Department of Homeland Security; Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; James Peerenboom, Director, Infrastructure Assurance Center, Associate Director, Decision and Information Sciences Division, Argonne National Laboratory.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3179, the ''Marketplace Equity Act of 2011''. Testimony was heard from Representatives Womack and Speier; and public witnesses.

THE AFTERMATH OF FRAUD BY IMMIGRATION ATTORNEYS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing entitled ''The Aftermath of Fraud by Immigration Attorneys''. Testimony was heard from Waldemar Rodriguez, Deputy Assistant Director, Transnational Crime and Public Safety Division, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Sarah M. Kendall, Associate Director, Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; and public witnesses.

THE IMPACT OF CATASTROPHIC FOREST FIRES AND LITIGATION ON PEOPLE AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''The Impact of Catastrophic Forest Fires and Litigation on People and Endangered Species: Time for Rational Management of our Nation's Forests''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on the following: H.R. 726, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; H.R. 3319, to allow the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to determine the requirements for membership in that tribe; and legislation to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon; and H.R. 6141, to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon. Testimony was heard from Michael Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Terry Thompson, Lincoln County, Oregon; and public witnesses.

DAWOOD NATIONAL MILITARY HOSPITAL, AFGHANISTAN

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 Colonel Mark F. Fassl, United States Army; Gerald N. Carozza, Jr., United States Army; Captain Steven Andersen, United States Coast Guard; and Daniel Blair, Inspector General for Auditing, Department of Defense Inspector General.

CREDIT CRUNCH: IS THE CFPB RESTRICTING CONSUMER ACCESS TO CREDIT?

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs held a hearing entitled ''Credit Crunch: Is the CFPB Restricting Consumer Access to Credit?''. Testimony was heard from Richard Cordray, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; and public witnesses.

REVIEW OF STATE AND FEDERAL EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE DOMESTIC METHAMPHETAMINE PRODUCTION RESURGENCE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives held a hearing entitled ''Meth Revisited: Review of State and Federal Efforts to Solve the Domestic Methamphetamine Production Resurgence''. Testimony was heard from R. Gil Kerlikowske, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President; Rob Bovett, District Attorney, Lincoln County, Oregon; Marshall Fisher, Director, Mississippi

Bureau of Narcotics, State of Mississippi; Max Dorsey, Narcotics Lieutenant, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, State of South Carolina; and Jason Grellner, Detective Sergeant, Franklin County Narcotics Enforcement Unit, State of Missouri.

REVIEW OF BUILDING CODES AND MITIGATION EFFORTS TO HELP MINIMIZE THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH NATURAL DISASTERS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled ''A Review of Building Codes and Mitigation Efforts to Help Minimize the Costs Associated with Natural Disasters''. Testimony was heard from Representative Diaz-Balart; David Miller, Associate Administrator, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Jimmy Gianato, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, State of West Virginia; and public witnesses.

PHYSICIAN ORGANIZATION EFFORTS TO PROMOTE HIGH QUALITY CARE AND IMPLICATIONS FOR MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on physician organization efforts to promote high quality care and implications for Medicare physician payment reform. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine the proper size of the nuclear weapons stockpile to maintain a credible U.S. deterrent, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the impact of sequestration on education, 10 a.m., SD–124.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: To hold hearings to examine the International Space Station, focusing on research, collaboration, and discovery, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine short-supply prescription drugs, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the role of water use efficiency and its impact on energy use, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Business meeting to consider S. 847, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed, S. 357, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to identify and declare wildlife disease emergencies and to coordinate rapid response to those emergencies, S. 810, to prohibit the conducting of invasive research on great apes, S. 1494, to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, S. 2071, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, S. 2156, to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, to set prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users, S. 2282, to extend the authorization of appropriations to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2017, S. 3370, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation, S. 2251, to designate the United States courthouse located at 709 West 9th Street, Juneau, Alaska, as the Robert Boochever United States Courthouse, S. 2326, to designate the new United States courthouse in Buffalo, New York, as the ''Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse'', S. 1735, to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi, the nomination of Major General John Peabody, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission, proposed resolutions relating to the General Services Administration, and proposed resolutions in the Corps Study, city of Norfolk, Virginia and Port Fourchon, Louisiana, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: To hold hearings to examine education tax incentives and tax reform, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Iran's support for terrorism in the Middle East, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine 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, focusing on economic statecraft, 3 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine assessing grants management practices at Federal agencies, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: To hold hearings to examine ensuring judicial independence through civics education, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Special Committee on Aging: To hold hearings to examine enhancing women's retirement security, 2 p.m., SD–562.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Oversight of the Swaps and Futures Markets: Recent Events and Impending Regulatory Reforms'', 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Committee on Armed Services and Committee on Veterans' Affairs, joint hearing on Back from the Battlefield: DOD and VA Collaboration to Assist Service Members Returning to Civilian Life, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Digital Warriors: Improving Military Capabilities for Cyber Operations, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled ''Examining Proposals to Strengthen the National Labor Relations Act'', 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, continue markup of the ''No More Solyndras Act'', 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''The Annual Report of the Financial Stability Oversight Council'', 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Investigating the Chinese Threat, Part Two: Human Rights Abuses, Torture and Disappearances'', 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Understanding the Homeland Threat Landscape'', 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled ''Beyond the Streets: America's Evolving Gang Threat'', 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing entitled ''Cloud Computing: An Overview of the Technology and the Issues facing American Innovators'', 12:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''GAO Report: The Obama Administration's $8 Billion Extralegal Healthcare Spending Project'', 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Drought Forecasting, Monitoring and Decision-making: A Review of the National Integrated Drought Information System'', 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Tales of Resilience: Small Business Survival in the Recession'', 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled ''Integrated Planning and Permitting, Part 2: An Opportunity for EPA to Provide Communities with Flexibility to Make Smart Investments in Water Quality'', 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Public Charity Organizational Issues, Unrelated Business Income Tax, and the Revised Form 990, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Full Committee, hearing on the Use of Technology to Improve the Administration of SSI's Financial Eligibility Requirements, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: The Majority Leader will be recognized. At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3412, Middle Class Tax Cut Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 25

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Complete consideration of H.R. 6082—Congressional Replacement of President Obama's Energy-Restricting and Job-Limiting Offshore Drilling Plan. Begin consideration of H.R. 4078—Regulatory Freeze for Jobs Act of 2012 (Subject to a Rule).

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