Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2981–S3061

Measures Introduced: Forty-five bills and fourteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 810–854, S.J. Res. 14, and S. Res. 115–127. **Pages S3028–30**

Measures Reported:

S. 607, to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications, with an amendment. **Page S3028**

Measures Passed:

Honoring the Victims of the Boston Bombings: Senate agreed to S. Res. 115, commending the heroism, courage, and sacrifice of Sean Collier, an officer in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Police Department, Martin Richard, an 8-year-old resident of Dorchester, Massachusetts, Krystle Campbell, a native of Medford, Massachusetts, Lu Lingzi, a student at Boston University, and all the victims who are recovering from injuries caused by the attacks in Boston, Massachusetts, including Richard Donohue, Jr., an officer in the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Transit Police Department. **Pages S2982–83**

National Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 116, designating September 26, 2013 as ''National Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day''. **Pages S2991–92**

Federal Aviation Administration: Senate passed S. 853, to provide the Secretary of Transportation with the flexibility to transfer certain funds to prevent reduced operations and staffing of the Federal Aviation Administration. **Page S3059**

Parkinson's Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 118, supporting the designation of April as Parkinson's Awareness Month. **Page S3060**

World Malaria Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 119, supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day. **Page S3060**

National Crime Victims' Rights Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 120, supporting the mission and goals of 2013 National Crime Victims' Rights Week to increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of, and services available to assist, victims and survivors of crime in the United States. **Page S3060**

Silver Star Service Banner Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 121, expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2013, as ''Silver Star Service Banner Day''. **Page S3060**

Cinco de Mayo: Senate agreed to S. Res. 122, recognizing the historic significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo. **Page S3060**

Congratulating the University of Minnesota Women's Ice Hockey Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 123, congratulating the University of Minnesota women's ice hockey team on winning its second straight National Collegiate Athletic Association Women's Ice Hockey Championship. **Page S3060**

Authorize Testimony: Senate agreed to S. Res. 124, to authorize testimony in writing, documents, and representation in Whitnum v. Town of Greenwich, et al. **Page S3060**

Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans: Senate agreed to S. Res. 125, designating April 30, 2013, as ''Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans''. **Page S3060**

Measures Considered:

Marketplace Fairness Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 743, to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2985–91, S2992–S3014**

Pending:

Reid (for Enzi) Amendment No. 741, of a perfecting nature. **Page S2985**

Durbin Amendment No. 745 (to Amendment No. 741), to change the enactment date. **Page S2985**

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

By 63 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 111), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S3013**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time be considered expired at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 6, 2013; Durbin Amendment No. 745 (to Amendment No. 741) (listed above), be withdrawn; that no other second-degree amendments be in order; that the Senate vote on or in relation to Reid (for Enzi) Amendment No. 741 (listed above); that upon disposition of the amendment, Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended; and that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments be 4 p.m., on Monday, May 6, 2013. **Page S3013**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached proving that at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 6, 2013, Senate resume consideration of the bill. **Page S3060**

Water Resources Development Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States. **Page S3020**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, April 25, 2013, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, May 6, 2013, upon disposition of S. 743, to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws. **Page S3020**

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the reappointment of Steve Zink, of Nevada, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. **Page S3060**

Congressional Advisory Panel on the Governance of the Nuclear Security Enterprise: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Section 3166 of Public Law 112–239, the appointment of the following individual to be a member of the Congressional Advisory Panel on the Governance of the Nuclear Security Enterprise: Michael R. Anastasio of New Mexico. **Page S3060**

Health Information Technology Policy Committee: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 111–5, appointed the following individual to the Health Information Technology Policy Committee: Dr. Scott Gottlieb of Connecticut. **Page S3060**

FAA Essential Employees—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if the Senate receives a bill from the House of Representatives and the text of that bill is identical to S. 853, to provide the Secretary of Transportation with the flexibility to transfer certain funds to prevent reduced operations and staffing of the Federal Aviation Administration, that the bill then be considered read three times and passed. **Page S3060**

Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S3060**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn, and convene for pro forma sessions only with no business conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, April 26, 2013 at 11:30 a.m.; Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at 10 a.m.; and Friday, May 3, 2013 at 2 p.m.; and that the Senate adjourn on Friday, May 3, 2013 until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2013. **Pages S3060–61**

Medine Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of David Medine, of Maryland, to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, that there be one hour for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote without intervening action or debate on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Page S3058**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Christopher J. Meade, of New York, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

William B. Schultz, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Jenny R. Yang, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2017.

Karol Virginia Mason, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Pages S3058, S3061**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Brent Franklin Nelsen, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2016.

William S. Jasien, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2015.

Nanci E. Langley, of Hawaii, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2018.

Howard A. Shelanski, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

1Navy nomination in the rank of admiral. **Page S3061**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—111) **Page S3013**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:41 p.m., until 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 26, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3061.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NASA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after receiving testimony from Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator, and Paul K. Martin, Inspector General, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Ray Mabus, Secretary, Admiral Jonathan Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations, and General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of the Navy, Department of Defense.

ENERGY AND WATER MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine drought and the effect on energy and water management decisions, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Connor, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Roger S. Pulwarty, Director, National Integrated Drought Information System, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Nicole T. Carter, Specialist in Natural Resources Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Patricia Mulroy, Southern Nevada Water Authority, Las Vegas; and Michael E. Webber, University of Texas at Austin Energy Institute.

PUBLIC LANDS BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing to examine S. 27, to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled ''An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah'', S. 28, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University, S. 159, to designate the Wovoka Wilderness and provide for certain land conveyances in Lyon County, Nevada, S. 241, to establish the Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, S. 255, to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, S. 256, to amend Public Law 93–435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa, S. 258, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, S. 312, to adjust the boundary of the Carson National Forest, New Mexico, S. 327, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter

into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services, S. 340, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 341, to designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness, S. 342, to designate the Pine Forest Range Wilderness area in Humboldt County, Nevada, S. 353, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the State of Oregon, S. 360, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service, S. 366, to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to require the Bureau of Land Management to provide a claimant of a small miner waiver from claim maintenance fees with a period of 60 days after written receipt of 1 or more defects is provided to the claimant by registered mail to cure the 1 or more defects or pay the claim maintenance fee, S. 368, to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, S. 447, to provide for the conveyance of certain cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota, S. 609, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, New Mexico, S. 736, to establish a maximum amount for special use permit fees applicable to certain cabins on National Forest System land in the State of Alaska, and S. 757, to provide for the implementation of the multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River, Nevada, and Lincoln County, Nevada, to extend the authority to purchase certain parcels of public land, after receiving testimony from Senators Reid and Baucus; James M. Pena, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Jamie Connell, Acting Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

REBALANCE TO ASIA II

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine rebalance to Asia II, focusing on security, defense, cooperation, and challenges, after receiving testimony from Joseph Y. Yun, Acting Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; David Helvey, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia, Asian and Pacific Security Affairs; and Janine Davidson, Center for a New American Security, and Michael J. Green, Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 607, to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications, with amendments.

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: 43 public bills, H.R. 1721–1763; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 180–184, were introduced. **Pages H2349–51**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2353–54**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Collins (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2301**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2310**

HIT Policy Committee—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the HIT Policy Committee: Mrs. Gayle Harrell of Stuart, FL. **Page H2322**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow. **Page H2322**

Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 527, to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow. **Pages H2323–27**

H. Res. 178, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 124. **Pages H2315–22**

Agreed to the Bishop (UT) amendment to the rule by voice vote, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Page H2322**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2315.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H2322. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on American Indian and Alaska Native issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—USDA FARM AND FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies held a hearing on USDA Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Michael Scuse, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services; Juan Garcia, Administrator, Farm Service Agency; Suzanne Heinen, Foreign Agriculture Service; Brandon Willis, Administrator, Risk Management Agency; and Michael Young, Budget Officer.

APPROPRIATIONS—AFRICOM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on AFRICOM. This was a closed hearing.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the Department of Treasury Budget. Testimony was heard from Jack Lew, Secretary, Department of Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services Budget. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development held a hearing on the Federal Railroad Administration Budget. Testimony was heard from Joseph Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Fiscal Year 2014 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Army''. Testimony was heard from John McHugh, Secretary of the Army; and General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff, United States Army.

TRANSITIONING TO AFGHAN SECURITY LEAD: PROTECTING AFGHAN WOMEN

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled ''Transitioning to Afghan Security Lead: Protecting Afghan Women?''. Testimony was heard from David Sedney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Afghan Policy; Office of the Secretary of Defense; and Major General Michael Shields, USA, Director of the Pakistan-Afghanistan Coordination Cell, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION—NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE ACTIVITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled ''Fiscal Year 2014 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for National Security Space Activities''. Testimony was heard from Gil Klinger, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Space and Intelligence Office; Doug Loverro, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Space Policy; Betty Sapp, Director, National Reconnaissance Office; and General William Shelton, USAF, Commander, USAF Space Command.

SECURING OUR NATION'S PRESCRIPTION DRUG SUPPLY CHAIN

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled ''Securing Our Nation's Prescription Drug Supply Chain''. Testimony was heard from Janet Woodcock, M.D., Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration; and public witnesses.

LIFELINE FUND: MONEY WELL SPENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled ''The Lifeline Fund: Money Well Spent?''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PRIORITIES AND STRATEGY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''The FY 2014 Budget Request: U.S. Foreign Assistance Priorities and Strategy''. Testimony was heard from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a markup on H.R. 419, the ''Taiwan Policy Act of 2013''. The bill was forwarded, as amended.

NATURAL GAS EXPORTS: ECONOMIC AND GEOPOLITICAL OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled ''Natural Gas Exports: Economic and Geopolitical Opportunities''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COUNTERTERRORISM EFFORTS TO COMBAT A CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, AND NUCLEAR ATTACK ON THE HOMELAND

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled ''Counterterrorism Efforts to Combat a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Attack on the Homeland''. Testimony was heard from Richard Daddario, Deputy Commissioner, New York City Police Department; Huban Gowadia, Acting Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Department of Homeland Security; and Scott McAllister, Deputy Under Secretary, State and Local Program Officer, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security.

STRIKING THE RIGHT BALANCE: PROTECTING OUR NATION'S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FROM CYBER ATTACK AND ENSURING PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled ''Striking the Right Balance: Protecting Our Nation's Critical Infrastructure from Cyber Attack and Ensuring Privacy and Civil Liberties''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS PRIVACY ACT (ECPA), PART 2: GEOLOCATION PRIVACY AND SURVEILLANCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations held a hearing entitled ''The Electronic Communications Privacy Act, Part 2: Geolocation Privacy and Surveillance''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution and Civil Justice held a hearing on H.J. Res. 40, the Victims' Rights Amendment. Testimony was heard from William G. Montgomery, Maricopa County Attorney; John Gillis, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Victim Services Division; and public witnesses.

EXAMINATION OF THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT AND DISABILITY SYSTEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing entitled ''An Examination of the Judicial Conduct and Disability System''. Testimony was heard from Anthony J. Scirica, Senior Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; David B. Sentelle, Senior Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL IMPEDIMENTS TO WATER RIGHTS, JOB CREATION AND RECREATION: A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing entitled ''Federal Impediments to Water Rights, Job Creation and Recreation: A Local Perspective''. Testimony was heard from Russell Boardman, Chairman, Shoshone Conservation District, Frannie, Wyoming; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 638, the ''National Wildlife Refuge Review Act of 2013''; H.R. 1300, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1384, the ''Wildlife Refuge System Conservation Semipostal Stamp Act of 2013''. Testimony was heard from Representative Dingell; Jim Kurth, Chief, National Wildlife Refuge System, Fish and Wildlife Service; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE; AND U.S.-MEXICO TRANSBOUNDARY HYDROCARBON AGREEMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 1613, the ''Outer Continental Shelf Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreements Authorization Act''; and legislation regarding the U.S.-Mexico Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement and Steps Needed for Implementation. Testimony was heard from Tommy Beaudreau, Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of Interior; Carlos Pascual, Special Envoy and Coordinator for International Energy Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled ''Oversight of the Federal Government's Procurement of Ammunition''. Testimony was heard from Nick Nayak, Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Humberto Medina, Assistant Director, National Firearms and Tactical Training Unit, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General Social Security Administration; and a public witness.

EXAMINING THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY AND CONSUMER DRIVEN MARKET FORCES IN U.S. HEALTH CARE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements held a hearing entitled ''Examining the Lack of Transparency and Consumer Driven Market Forces in U.S. Health Care''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

POLICY RELEVANT CLIMATE ISSUES IN CONTEXT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled ''Policy Relevant Climate Issues in Context''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS STEM WORKFORCE SHORTAGE AND IMMIGRATION REFORM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled ''Help Wanted: The Small Business STEM Workforce Shortage and Immigration Reform''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPLEMENTING MAP–21

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled ''Implementing MAP–21: The State and Local Perspective''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a markup of the following legislation: H.R. 357, the ''GI Bill Tuition Fairness Act of 2013''; H.R. 562, the ''VRAP Extension Act of 2013''; H.R. 631, the ''Servicemembers' Choice in Transition Act of 2013''; H.R. 844, the ''VetSuccess Enhancement Act''; H.R. 1305, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program; H.R. 1316, to amend title 38, United States Code, to specify the responsibilities of the Directors and Assistant Directors of Veterans' Employment and Training; H.R. 1402, the ''Veterans Paralympic Act of 2013''; H.R. 1412, the ''Improving Job Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2013''; and H.R. 1453, the ''Work-Study for Student Veterans''. The following bills were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 357; H.R. 631; and H.R. 1316. The following bills were forwarded, without amendment: H.R. 562; H.R. 844; H.R. 1305; H.R. 1402; H.R. 1412; and H.R. 1453.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a markup of the following legislation: H.R. 569, the ''Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2013''; H.R. 570, the ''American Heroes COLA Act''; H.R. 671, the ''Ruth Moore Act of 2013''; H.R. 894, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 1405, to amend title 38,

United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include an appeals form in any notice of decision issued for the denial of a benefit sought. The following bills were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 671; and H.R. 1405. The following bills were forwarded, without amendment: H.R. 569; H.R. 570; and H.R. 894.

TAX REFORM AND RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Tax Reform and Residential Real Estate''. Testimony was heard from Jane Gravelle, Senior Specialist in Economic Policy, Congressional Research Service.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE OPERATIONS AND THE 2013 TAX RETURN FILING SEASON

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled ''Internal Revenue Service Operations and the 2013 Tax Return Filing Season''. Testimony was heard from Steven Miller, Acting Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Ongoing Intelligence Activities''. This was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on the United States Forest Service Budget, 9:30 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA and Related Agencies, hearing on the Food and Drug Administration Budget, 10:30 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled ''The Readiness Posture of the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps'', 8 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled ''Fiscal Year 2014 Army Modernization Programs'', 10:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled ''Does HIPAA Help or Hinder Patient Care and Public Safety?'', 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled ''Islamist Extremism in Chechnya: A Threat to the U.S. Homeland?'', 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled ''Cutting DHS Duplication and Wasteful Spending: Implementing Private Sector Best Practices and Watchdog Recommendations'', 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, hearing on H.R. 1169, ''Naval Air Station Fallon Housing and Safety Development Act''; H.R. 1299, the ''White Sands Missile Range Security Enhancement Act''; H.R. 1574, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to rename the site a park; H.R. 1673, the ''Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake Security Enhancement Act''; H.R. 1676, the ''Johnson Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area Establishment Act''; H.R. 1672, the ''Limestone Hills Training Area Withdrawal Act''; and H.R. 1691, the ''Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range Security Enhancement Act'', 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 1548, the ''Native American Energy Act'', 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy; and Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled ''A Review of Federal Hydraulic Fracturing Research Activities'', 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled ''Challenges Facing the Next Commissioner of Social Security'', 9:30 a.m., B–318 Rayburn.

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