Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Res. 65, Iran Sanctions Resolution, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1005–1027, and S. Res. 152. **Pages S3760–61**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 143, recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in the efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day on May 3, 2013. **Page S3759**

Measures Passed:

Iran Sanctions Resolution: By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 133), Senate agreed to S. Res. 65, strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation, after agreeing to the committee-reported amendment. **Pages S3736–45**

Stolen Valor Act: Senate passed H.R. 258, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military decorations or medals. **Page S3789**

Measures Considered:

Farm Bill—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3712–36, S3745–52**

Adopted:

Stabenow (for Franken) Amendment No. 992, to provide access to grocery delivery for homebound seniors and individuals with disabilities eligible for supplemental nutrition assistance benefits. **Pages S3716–17**

Stabenow (for Vitter) Amendment No. 1056, to end food stamp eligibility for convicted violent rapists, pedophiles, and murderers. **Page S3717**

Rejected:

By 36 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 132), Inhofe/Graham Amendment No. 960, to repeal the nutrition entitlement programs and establish a nutrition assistance block grant program. **Pages S3712–16**

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 134), Stabenow (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 925, to reform the Federal sugar program. **Pages S3727–28, S3734–36, S3745–46**

Pending:

Stabenow (for Leahy) Amendment No. 998, to establish a pilot program for gigabit Internet projects in rural areas. **Page S3712**

Sanders/Begich Amendment No. 965, to permit States to require that any food, beverage, or other edible product offered for sale have a label on indicating that the food, beverage, or other edible product contains a genetically engineered ingredient. **Pages S3749–52**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Thursday, May 23, 2013, following the cloture vote on the nomination of Srikanth Srinivasan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, and notwithstanding cloture having been invoked, if invoked, Senate continue legislative session and consideration of the bill; Senate then vote on or in relation to Sanders/Begich Amendment No. 965 (listed above); that there be no second-degree amendments in order to Sanders/Begich Amendment No. 965 prior to the vote; that the amendment be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold; and that the time consumed during consideration of the bill count post-cloture. **Page S3751**

Appointments:

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki): The Chair, on behalf of the Vice

President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed the following Senator as a member of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 113th Congress: Senator Boozman.

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Measures Referred: Page S3757

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—134) Pages S3716, S3744, S3746

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:47 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3789.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Army, after receiving testimony from John M. McHugh, Secretary, and General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff, both of the Department of the Army, Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the United States Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, and Barbara Cooper, Acting Director of Strategic Planning, Budget and Accountability, both of the United States Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 3,270 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

TAX REFORM

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine supporting broad-based economic growth and fiscal responsibility through tax reform, after receiving testimony from Michael Linden, Center for American Progress, and Adam Looney, The Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; and Veronique de Rugy, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Anthony Renard Foxx, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Transportation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Hagan and Burr, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NUTRIENT TRADING AND WATER QUALITY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine nutrient trading and water quality, after receiving testimony from Michael H. Shapiro, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Beth L. McGee, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Annapolis, Maryland; Marty Matlock, University of Arkansas Center for Agricultural and Rural Sustainability, Fayetteville; and Susan Parker Bodine, Barnes and Thornburg, and George S. Hawkins, District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority, both of Washington, D.C.

TRADE FACILITATION AND TRADE ENFORCEMENT ACT

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 662, to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, after receiving testimony from William A. Cook, Chrysler Group LLC, Rochester, Michigan; David Cooper, The Procter and Gamble Company, Cincinnati, Ohio; Clark R. Silcox, National Electrical Manufacturers Association, Rosslyn, Virginia; and Mary Ann Comstock, UPS Supply Chain Solutions, Inc., Sweet Grass, Montana.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs, International Environmental Protection, and Peace Corps concluded a hearing to examine different perspectives on international development, after receiving testimony from William Lane, Caterpillar, Inc., on behalf of the U.S. Global Leadership Campaign, John Murphy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Todd J. Moss, Center for Global Development, all of Washington, D.C.

GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine performance management and congressional oversight, focusing on government efficiency and effectiveness, and opportunities to reduce fragmentation, overlap, and duplication, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, and Cathleen Berrick, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, both of the Government Accountability Office.

DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT COMPANIES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight concluded an oversight hearing to examine business practices of durable medical equipment companies, after receiving testimony from Steve Silverman, Med-Care Diabetic and Medical Supplies, Boca Raton, Florida.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Brian C. Deese, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and Michael Kenny O'Keefe, and Robert D. Okun, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 959, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to compounding drugs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, Harry I. Johnson III, of Virginia, and Philip Andrew Miscimarra, of Illinois, all to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: On *Tuesday,* May 21, 2013, Committee ordered favorably reported S. 744, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, with amendments.

STEM EDUCATION

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education Pipeline can develop a high-skilled American workforce for small business, focusing on bridging the skills gap, including S. 744, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, after receiving testimony from Johan Uvin, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, and Camsie McAdams, Senior Advisor, STEM, Office of Program Evaluation and Policy, both of the Department of Education; Gerri Fiala, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor, Employment and Training Administration; Rose Wang, Binary Group, and Joan Ferrini-Mundy, National Science Foundation, both of Arlington, Virginia; Loren Goodman, InRule Technology, Chicago, Illinois; Leah Belsky, Kaltura, and Shree Taylor, Delta Decisions of DC, both of Washington, D.C.; Dee Mooney, Micron Foundation, Boise, Idaho; Naomi Moneypenny, ManyWorlds, Inc., Houston, Texas; and Bob Kolvoord, James Madison University Center for STEM Education and Outreach, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Medicare prescription drug program, focusing on 10 years later, after receiving testimony from Margaret Woerner, Medicare Rights Center, New York, New York; and Jack Hoadley, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute, Richard I. Smith, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, and Robert G. Romasco, AARP, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 39 public bills, H.R. 2083–2121; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 47–48; H. Con. Res. 38; and H. Res. 231, 233 were introduced. **Pages H2909–13**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2913–14**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 232, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1911) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish interest rates for new loans made on or after July 1, 2013, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–89). **Page H2909**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative McClintock to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2841**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:56 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2848**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Dr. Ken Whitten, Idlewild Baptist Church, Lutz, Florida. **Page H2848**

Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Democratic Leader, in which she appointed Mr. Robert E. ''Bud'' Cramer of Huntsville, AL to the Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities. **Page H2852**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the devastating tornadoes in Oklahoma and Texas. **Page H2861**

Northern Route Approval Act: The House passed H.R. 3, to approve the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Keystone XL pipeline, by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 175 noes with 1 answering ''present'', Roll No. 179. **Pages H2852–95**

Rejected the Bishop (NY) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 194 yeas to 223 nays, Roll No. 178. **Pages H2892–93**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–11 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendments in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Energy and Commerce, and Natural Resources now printed in the bill. **Page H2875**

Agreed to:

Cohen amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 113–88) that requires TransCanada to submit its oil spill response plan, and any updates to the plan, to the Governors of each State in which the Keystone XL pipeline operates. TransCanada is required to develop such a plan under current law and regulations; only certain Federal agencies receive and review the plan and **Pages H2884–85**

Weber (TX) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 113–88) that adds to the findings in Section 2 highlighting the State Department's scientific and environmental findings which conclude that the Keystone XL pipeline is a safe and environmentally sound project (by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 168 noes, Roll No. 169). **Pages H2876–77, H2886–87**

Rejected:

Waxman amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–88) that sought to add a finding that ''the reliance on oil sands crudes for transportation fuels would likely result in an increase in incremental greenhouse gas emissions'' in the United States, resulting in additional greenhouse gas emissions equal to 4.3 million passenger vehicles. Also provided that the bill would not go into effect unless the President found that TransCanada or tar sands producers will fully offset the additional greenhouse gas emissions (by a recorded vote of 146 ayes to 269 noes, Roll No. 170); **Pages H2877–78, H2887**

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 113–88) that sought to require a study on the health impacts of increased air pollution in communities surrounding the refineries that will transport diluted bitumen through the proposed Keystone XL pipeline (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 171); **Pages H2878–79, H2887–88**

Connolly amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 113–88) that sought to require a threat assessment of pipeline vulnerabilities to terrorist attack and corrective actions necessary to protect the pipeline from such an attack and to mitigate any resulting spill (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 172); **Pages H2879–80, H2888–89**

Rahall amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 113–88) that sought to strike section 3 of the bill (Keystone XL Permit Approval). Section 3 eliminates the requirement for a Presidential Permit to construct the Keystone XL pipeline across an international border. Section 3 further deems the new application for the Keystone XL pipeline approved, based on a final environmental impact statement

issued by the U.S. Department of State for a different pipeline route (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 173); **Pages H2880–81, H2889**

Esty amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 113–88) that sought to remove the mandate to allow one specifically named company to never receive appropriate oversight through the permit process for operation and/or maintenance—in perpetuity, while allowing construction permit fast-track (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 174); **Pages H2881–82, H2889–90**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 113–88) that sought to lengthen the time period for filing a claim under the Act from 60 days to 1 year (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 175); **Pages H2882–83, H2890**

Chu amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 113–88) that sought to requires the GAO to conduct a study and prepare a report of the Keystone XL pipeline to determine the total projected costs of pipeline spill cleanup, including the potential impacts of a petroleum spill on public health and the environment and the quantity and quality of water available for agricultural and municipal purposes (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 176); and **Pages H2883–84, H2890–91**

Holt amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 113–88) that sought to increase American energy independence by requiring that all oil and refined fuels transported through the Keystone XL Pipeline be used here in the United States and not exported, unless the President finds that an exception is required by law or in the national interest (by a recorded vote of 162 ayes to 255 noes, Roll No. 177). **Pages H2885–86, H2891–92**

H. Res. 228, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 168, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 167. **Pages H2860–62**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow. **Page H2895**

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

Improving Postsecondary Education Data for Students Act: H.R. 1949, amended, to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level and **Pages H2895–98**

Resolving Environmental and Grid Reliability Conflicts Act of 2013: H.R. 271, to clarify that compliance with an emergency order under section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act may not be considered a violation of any Federal, State, or local environmental law or regulation. **Pages H2898–99**

Migratory Bird Conservation Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Representatives Wittman and Dingell. **Pages H2899–H2900**

Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission: Mr. Dov S. Zakheim of Silver Spring, MD and Mr. Michael R. Higgins of Washington, DC. **Page H2900**

Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Democratic Leader, in which she re-appointed Representative McGovern as Co-Chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. **Page H2900**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2852.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and 11 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2860–61, H2861–62, H2886–87, H2887, H2887–88, H2888–89, H2889, H2889–90, H2890, H2890–91, H2891–92, H2892–93 and H2894. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on Homeland Security Appropriations Bill for FY 2014. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a markup on H.R. 1960, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014". The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a markup on H.R. 1960, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014". The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a markup on H.R. 1960, the ''National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014''. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a markup on H.R. 1960, the ''National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014''. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

EXAMINING THE REGULATORY AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS OF THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled ''Examining the Regulatory and Enforcement Actions of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission''. Testimony was heard from Jacqueline A. Berrien, Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

EXAMINING SAMHSA'S ROLE IN DELIVERING SERVICES TO THE SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled ''Examining SAMHSA's Role in Delivering Services to the Severely Mentally Ill''. Testimony was heard from Pamela S. Hyde, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade began a markup on H.R. 2052, the ''Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2013''.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled ''Federal and State Partnership for Environmental Protection Act of 2013; the ''Reducing Excessive Deadline Obligations Act of 2013;'' and the ''Federal Facility Accountability Act of 2013''. Testimony was heard from Carolyn Hanson, Deputy Executive Director, Environmental Council of the States; Jeffery Steers, Director, Central Office Division of Land Protection and Revitalization, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality; Dan Miller, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources and Environment Section, Colorado Department of Law; Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Thomas Duch, City Manager, Garfield, New Jersey; David M. Bearden, Specialist in Environmental Policy, Congressional Research Service; and David Trimble, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''The Annual Report of the Financial Stability Oversight Council''. Testimony was heard from Jacob Lew, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

ARE LARGE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IMMUNE FROM FEDERAL PROSECUTION?

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled ''Who Is Too Big to Fail: Are Large Financial Institutions Immune from Federal Prosecution?''. Testimony was heard from Mythili Raman, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 850, the ''Nuclear Iran Prevention Act of 2013''. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA FY 2014 BUDGET: PRIORITIES AND CHALLENGES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled ''The Middle East and North Africa FY 2014 Budget: Priorities and Challenges''. Testimony was heard from Beth Jones, Acting Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; Alina L. Romanowski, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for the Middle East, U.S. Agency for International Development.

ASSESSING THE THREAT TO THE HOMELAND FROM AL QAEDA OPERATIONS IN IRAN AND SYRIA

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled ''Assessing the Threat to the Homeland from al Qaeda Operations in Iran and Syria''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROTECTING U.S. CITIZENS' CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS DURING THE WAR ON TERROR

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Protecting U.S. Citizens' Constitutional Rights During the War on Terror''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT; AND IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing on S. 744, the ''Border Security, Economic Opportunity and Immigration Modernization Act''; and the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986: Lessons Learned or Mistakes Repeated?''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 1964, the ''National Petroleum Reserve Alaska Access Act''; H.R. 1965, the ''Federal Lands Jobs and Energy Security Act''; H.R. 1394, the ''Planning for American Energy Act of 2013''; H.R. 555, the ''BLM Live Internet Auctions Act''. Testimony was heard from Jamie Connell, BLM Acting Deputy Director, Department of the Interior; Dan Sullivan, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, State of Alaska, Charlotte E. Brower, Mayor, North Slope Borough; and public witnesses.

IRS TARGETING AMERICANS FOR THEIR POLITICAL BELIEFS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''The IRS Targeting Americans for Their Political Beliefs''. Testimony was heard from Neal S. Wolin, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury; J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; and a public witness.

SMARTER SOLUTIONS FOR STUDENTS ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1911, the ''Smarter Solutions for Students Act''. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–2, a closed rule for H.R. 1911. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–12 shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Section 2 of the rule directs the Clerk to, in the engrossment of H.R. 1911, add the text of H.R. 1949 as passed by the House as a new matter at the end of H.R. 1911 and make conforming modifications in the engrossment. Section 3 of the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from May 24, 2013, through May 31, 2013: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. Section 4 of the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 3 of the resolution. Section 5 of the rule provides that the Committee on Appropriations may, at any time before 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, file privileged reports to accompany measures making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. Section 6 of the rule provides that the Committee on Agriculture may, at any time before 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, file a report to accompany H.R. 1947. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kline, and Representatives George Miller (CA), Davis (CA), Courtney, Rice, and Edwards.

EXASCALE COMPUTING CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled ''Exascale Computing Challenges and Opportunities''. Testimony was heard from Roscoe Giles, Chairman, Advanced Scientific Computing Advisory Committee; Rick Stevens, Associate Laboratory Director for Computing, Environment and Life Sciences, Argonne National Laboratory; Dona Crawford, Associate Director for Computation, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; and a public witness.

SAVING TAXPAYER DOLLARS: FREEZING THE FEDERAL REAL ESTATE FOOTPRINT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled ''Saving Taxpayer Dollars: Freezing the Federal Real Estate Footprint''. Testimony was heard from Dorothy Robyn, Commissioner, Public Buildings, Service, General Services Administration; E.J. Holland, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Jeffery Orner, Chief Readiness Support Officer, Department

of Homeland Security; and William Borchardt, Executive Director for Operations, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET: ADMINISTRATION PRIORITIES FOR THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled ''The President's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget: Administration Priorities for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency''. Testimony was heard from Nancy Stoner, Acting Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; and Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency.

EXAMINATION OF VA'S SPECIAL INITIATIVE TO PROCESS RATING CLAIMS PENDING OVER TWO YEARS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Expediting Claims or Exploiting Statistics?'' An Examination of VA's Special Initiative to Process Rating Claims Pending Over Two Years. Testimony was heard from Allison A. Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

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

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Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for various agencies within the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD–124.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Penny Pritzker, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Commerce, 11 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the extraction of gas from shale, focusing on current practices within the industry and environmental concerns to be addressed, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Allison M. Macfarlane, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 9 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine United States-European Union economic relations, focusing on crisis and opportunity, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce, to hold hearings to examine improving Federal health care in rural America, focusing on developing the workforce and building partnerships, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Patricia E. Campbell-Smith, of the District of Columbia, and Elaine D. Kaplan, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Charles R. Breyer, of California, Rachel Elise Barkow, of New York, and William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, all to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Derek Anthony West, of California, to be Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Valerie E. Caproni, of the District of Columbia, and Vernon S. Broderick, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, 10:30 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, markup on H.R. 1960, the ''National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014'', 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

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Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled ''Examining Drug Compounding'', 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, markup on H.R. 2052, the ''Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2013'', 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled ''Restoring U.S. Leadership in Weather Forecasting'', 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

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9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Srikanth Srinivasan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Srikanth Srinivasan, Senate will continue consideration of S. 954, the Farm bill, with a vote on Sanders Amendment No. 965.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, May 23

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 3—Northern Route Approval Act. Consideration of H.R. 1911—Smarter Solutions for Students Act (Subject to a Rule).

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