

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5531–S5581

Measures Introduced: One bill was introduced as follows: S. 1270. **Page S5567**

Measures Passed:

Presidential and Provincial Elections in Afghanistan April 2014: Senate agreed to S. Res. 151, urging the Government of Afghanistan to ensure transparent and credible presidential and provincial elections in April 2014 by adhering to internationally accepted democratic standards, establishing a transparent electoral process, and ensuring security for voters and candidates, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the committee amendment to the preamble.

Pages S5572–75

Measures Considered:

Keep Student Loans Affordable Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1238, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the current reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans for 1 year, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans.

Pages S5531–37, S5543–64

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 10, 2013, the Majority Leader be recognized and that following the remarks of the two Leaders, the time until 12 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to ten minutes each; and that at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2013, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5575**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 54 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 170), Jennifer A. Dorsey, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

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Geoffrey R. Pyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to Ukraine.

Tulinabo Salama Mushingi, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso.

Daniel R. Russel, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Wanda Felton, of New York, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2017.

Mark Bradley Childress, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania.

Tomasz P. Malinowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

Carlos Roberto Moreno, of California, to be Ambassador to Belize.

Evan Ryan, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs).

Dennis V. McGinn, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Foreign Service, and Navy. **Pages S5575–81**

Messages from the House: **Page S5567**

Measures Referred: **Page S5567**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5572**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—170) **Page S5543**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of

the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5575.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2014.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the

nomination of John H. Thompson, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Census, Department of Commerce, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of James B. Comey, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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: 9 public bills, H.R. 2628–2636, and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 290–291, 293–294 were introduced. **Page H4308**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4309–10**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 657, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–145, Pt. 1);

H.R. 819, to authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–146, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 292, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 761) to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness (H. Rept. 113–147). **Page H4308**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Collins (NY) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4217**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4221**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 262 yeas to 138 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 310. **Pages H4221, H4230–31**

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony honoring the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela: The House agreed by unanimous consent to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 43, to authorize the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony honoring the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela on the occasion of the 95th anniversary of his birth. **Page H4231**

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014: The House began consideration of H.R. 2609, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 10th. **Pages H4224–30, H4231–4308**

Agreed to:

Noem amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Bureau of Reclamation rural water projects by \$25,000,000; **Pages H4255–56**

Hastings (WA) amendment that reduces funds in both the Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and

Efficiency account and the Departmental Administration account and redirects funds to the Defense Environmental Cleanup account; **Pages H4256–57**

Reed amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup by \$18,956,000; **Pages H4279–80**

Schiff amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy by \$20,000,000; and **Pages H4284–86**

Frelinghuysen amendment that amends section 311 relating to a required report that provides an analysis of alternatives for each major warhead refurbishment program that reaches Phase 6.3. **Page H4305**
Rejected:

Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency activities, Science activities, and the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy by a total of \$1,655,900,180; **Pages H4257–60**

Moran amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of July 8, 2013) that sought to strike section 107, which prohibits funds from being used to implement regulations pertaining to the definition of waters under the jurisdiction of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 311);

Pages H4246–50, H4265–66

Moran amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of July 8, 2013) that sought to strike section 112, which prohibits funds from being used to develop, adopt, implement, administer, or enforce any change to the regulations in effect on October 1, 2012, pertaining to the definitions of the terms “fill material” or “discharge of fill material” for the purposes of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 312); **Pages H4250–55, H4266**

Takano amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of July 8, 2013) that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency by \$245,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 152 ayes to 264 noes, Roll No. 313); **Pages H4260–61, H4266–67**

Perry amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency by \$31,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 140 ayes to 275 noes, Roll No. 314);

Pages H4261–62, H4267–68

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency by \$9,826,370 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 153 ayes to 257 noes, Roll No. 315);

Pages H4262–63, H4268–69

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for Science activities of the Department of Energy by \$158,309,900 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; **Page H4280**

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for Departmental Administration by \$9,500,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; **Page H4288**

Cohen amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency by \$50,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 316);

Pages H4263–65, H4290–91

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency by \$4,751,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 158 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 317);

Pages H4265, H4291

Swalwell amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency by \$1,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 318);

Pages H4269–70, H4292

McClintock amendment that sought to reduce funding for Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency; Nuclear Energy; and Fossil Energy Research and Development and apply the \$1,543,929,000 in total savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 115 ayes to 300 noes, Roll No. 319); **Pages H4270–72, H4292–93**

Peters (CA) amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency by \$10,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 320);

Pages H4272, H4293

Perlmutter amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency by \$15,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 321);

Pages H4272–73, H4293–94

Connolly amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency by \$15,500,000 (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 322);

Pages H4273–74, H4294–95

Takano amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency by \$20,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 164 ayes to 252 noes, Roll No. 323);

Pages H4275, H4295

Takano amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency by \$40,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 166 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 324);

Pages H4275–76, H4295–96

Heck (NV) amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Science activities of the Department of Energy by \$25,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 81 ayes to 335 noes, Roll No. 325);

Pages H4276–77, H4296–97

Butterfield amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy by \$127,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 150 ayes to 266 noes, Roll No. 326);

Pages H4278–79, H4297

Foster amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Science activities of the Department of Energy by \$500,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 143 ayes to 273 noes, Roll No. 327); and

Pages H4281–83, H4297–98

Garamendi amendment that sought to redirect \$1,000,000 in funding within the Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation account.

Pages H4283–84, H4302–05

Withdrawn:

Kelly (PA) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required the Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Geological Survey to lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian Carp in the Ohio River basin and tributaries.

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Point of Order sustained against:

Castor (FL) amendment that sought to increase funding for Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency activities by \$1,127,954,000 and require that the amount made available under such heading be allocated between programs, projects, and activities previously funded under the heading “Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy” and programs, projects, and activities previously funded under the heading “Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability” in the same proportion as such funds were allocated between such accounts in fiscal year 2013 (Representative Castor (FL) appealed the ruling of the Chair and it was agreed by voice vote to sustain the ruling of the Chair);

Pages H4262, H4275

Tonko amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency by \$145,000,000; and

Pages H4274–75

Brownley (CA) amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Non-Defense Environment Cleanup by \$5,000,000 (Representative Brownley (CA) appealed the ruling of the Chair and it was agreed by voice vote to sustain the ruling of the Chair).

Pages H4277–78

Proceedings Postponed:

Hastings (FL) amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Science activities of the Department of Energy by \$223,000,000; **Pages H4280–81**

Garamendi amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy by \$329,000,000;

Pages H4283–84

Broun (GA) amendment that seeks to eliminate funding for the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program and apply the \$6,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account;

Page H4286

Jackson Lee amendment that seeks to increase funding for Departmental Administration by \$1,000,000 and reduce funding for Weapons Activities of the National Nuclear Security Administration by \$1,200,000;

Pages H4286–87

Quigley amendment that seeks to reduce funding for Weapons Activities of the National Nuclear Security Administration by \$23,700,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account;

Pages H4288–90

Heck (NV) amendment that seeks to increase funding for Weapons Activities of the National Nuclear Security Administration by \$14,000,000 and reduce funding for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation by \$16,546,000;

Pages H4298–99

Polis amendment that seeks to reduce funding for Weapons Activities of the National Nuclear Security Administration by \$13,072,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account;

Pages H4299–H4300

Burgess amendment that seeks to reduce funding for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation by \$48,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account;

Pages H4300–02

Burgess amendment that seeks to strike language allowing the Secretary of Energy to make not more than \$48,000,000 available for the purpose of carrying out domestic uranium enrichment research, development, and demonstration activities; and

Page H4302

Titus amendment that seeks to strike section 509, which prohibits funds from being used to conduct closure of adjudicatory functions, technical review, or support activities associated with the Yucca Mountain geologic repository license application, or for actions that irrevocably remove the possibility that Yucca Mountain may be a repository option in the future.

Pages H4307–08

H. Res. 288, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 309, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 308.

Pages H4228–30

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4224.

Senate Referral: S. 793 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H4308**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and 17 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4229, H4230, H4230–31, H4265–66, H4266, H4267, H4267–68, H4268–69, H4290–91, H4291, H4292, H4292–93, H4293, H4294, H4294–95, H4295, H4296, H4296–97, H4297, H4297–98. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:03 a.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2013.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a markup on appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes. The bill was forwarded without amendment.

KEEPING COLLEGE WITHIN REACH

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Keeping College Within Reach: Improving Higher Education through Innovation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 1900, the “Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act”. Testimony was heard from Philip D. Moeller, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power began a markup on the following: H.R. 1582, the “Energy Consumers Relief Act of 2013”; H.R. 1900, the “Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act”; and H.R. 83, to require the Secretary of the Interior to develop an action plan to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States.

CYBER ESPIONAGE AND THE THEFT OF U.S. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Cyber Espionage and the Theft of U.S. Intellectual Property and Technology”. Testimony was heard from Slade Gorton, former U.S. Senator, Washington, Commission Member, Commission on the

Theft of American Intellectual Property; Larry M. Wortzel, Commissioner, U.S.- China Economic and Security Review Commission; Susan Offutt, Chief Economist, Applied Research and Methods, Government Accountability Office; and public witness.

HOW THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU COLLECTS AND USES CONSUMER DATA

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Examining How the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Collects and Uses Consumer Data”. Testimony was heard from Steven L. Antonakes, Acting Deputy Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

CONSTITUTIONAL DEFICIENCIES AND LEGAL UNCERTAINTIES IN THE DODD–FRANK ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining Constitutional Deficiencies and Legal Uncertainties in the Dodd-Frank Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEARNING FROM IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Learning from Iraq: A Final Report from the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction”. Testimony was heard from Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction; and John Herbst, Director, Center for Complex Operations, National Defense University, former American Ambassador to Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

CAMBODIA’S LOOMING POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CRISIS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Cambodia’s Looming Political and Social Crisis”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EMERGENCY MGMT 2.0

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communication held a hearing entitled “Emergency MGMT 2.0: How #SocialMedia and New Tech are Transforming Preparedness, Response, and Recovery #Disasters #Part2 #Govt/NGOs”. Testimony was heard from Shayne Adamski, Senior Manager of Digital Engagement, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Albert

Ashwood, Director, Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management; Sergeant W. Greg Kierce, Director, Jersey City Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security; and public witness.

IRAN'S EXTENDING INFLUENCE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency held a hearing entitled "Threat to the Homeland: Iran's Extending Influence in the Western Hemisphere". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing on H.R. 2122, the "Regulatory Accountability Act of 2013". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CLOSING AMENITIES AT YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation held a hearing entitled "Public Impact of Closing Amenities at Yosemite National Park". Testimony was heard from Representative Garamendi; Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

POWDER RIVER BASIN COAL MINING

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled "Mining in America: Powder River Basin Coal Mining the Benefits and Challenges". Testimony was heard from Dan Coolidge, Chairman, Campbell County Commissioners; Mary Kendall, Office of the Inspector General, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL MINERALS PRODUCTION ACT OF 2013

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 761, the "National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2013". The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a structured rule for H.R. 761. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–17 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order

only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Amodei; and Representative DeFazio.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment held a markup on H.R. 2413, the "Weather Forecasting Improvement Act of 2013". The bill was forwarded, as amended.

AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS WORLDWIDE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access held a hearing entitled "American Competitiveness Worldwide: Impacts on Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INNOVATIVE FINANCE IN INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled "The Role of Innovative Finance in Intercity Passenger Rail". Testimony was heard from John Porcari, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 1443, the "Tinnitus Research and Treatment Act of 2013"; H.R. 1612, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to convey a parcel of land in Tuskegee, Alabama, to Tuskegee University, and for other purposes; H.R. 1702, the "Veterans Transportation Service Act"; H.R. 2065, the "Safe Housing for Homeless Veterans Act"; and draft legislation on the Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Rogers of Alabama; Representative McKinley; Robert L. Jesse, M.D., Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health Veterans Health 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.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
JULY 10, 2013**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine Smithfield, focusing on foreign purchases of American food companies, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine stopping fraudulent robocall scams, focusing on if more can be done, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine repealing the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) and the path forward, focusing on a view from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 815, to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine lessons learned from the Boston Marathon bombings, focusing on preparing for and responding to the attack, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Gregory Howard Woods, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Elizabeth A. Wolford, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, and Debra M. Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine diabetes research, focusing on reducing the burden of diabetes at all ages and stages, 2 p.m., SDG-50.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, markup on appropriations for Financial Services and General Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science and Related Agencies, markup on appropriations for Commerce, Justice, and Science and related agencies, 11 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Examining

the Labor Department’s Proposed Reforms to the FECA Program”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, continue markup on the following: H.R. 1582, the “Energy Consumers Relief Act of 2013”; H.R. 1900, the “Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act”; and H.R. 83, to require the Secretary of the Interior to develop an action plan to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Reducing Barriers to Capital Formation, Part II”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, joint hearing entitled “The Terrorist Threat in North Africa: Before and After Benghazi”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “The Abu Dhabi Pre-Clearance Facility: Implications for U.S. Businesses and National Security”, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Assessing Attacks on the Homeland: From Fort Hood to Boston”, 9 a.m., 311 Cannon. A portion of this hearing may be closed.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, markup on H.R. 1493, the “Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2013”; and H.R. 2542, the “Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2013”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Unaccountable Government GAO Reports Show Feds Struggling to Track Money and Performance”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and the Census, hearing entitled “The Combined Federal Campaign: Making Every Dollar Count”, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space, markup on committee print of the “NASA Authorization Act of 2013”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “Strategic Planning for National Manufacturing Competitiveness”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Beyond the Beltway: Successful State Strategies for Small Business Growth”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 1848, the “Small Airplane Revitalization Act of 2013”; H.R. 2576, to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify requirements relating to the availability of pipeline safety regulatory documents, and for other purposes; and legislation regarding the following: Public Buildings Savings and Reform Act of 2013; a bill to designate the United States Coast Guard Headquarters the “Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building”; a concurrent resolution

authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; and a General Services Administration Resolution, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Full Committee, and Full Committee on Armed Services, joint hearing entitled "DOD and VA Collaboration to assist Service Members Returning to Civilian Life", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Obama Administration's decision to delay the employer mandate and the employer information reporting requirements under the Affordable Care Act, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine building job opportunities for veterans, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: The Majority Leader will be recognized. At 12 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1238, Keep Student Loans Affordable Act.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Continue consideration of H.R. 2609—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

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