Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5989–S6028

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1379–1384. **Page S6023**

Measures Reported:

S. 534, to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–82)

S. 783, to amend the Helium Act to improve helium stewardship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–83) **Page S6023**

Measures Passed:

Battle of Lake Erie 200th Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 153, recognizing the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S6027–28**

Asia-Pacific Maritime Domains: Senate agreed to S. Res. 167, reaffirming the strong support of the United States for the peaceful resolution of territorial, sovereignty, and jurisdictional disputes in the Asia-Pacific maritime domains, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6026–27**

Reid (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1819, to amend the preamble. **Page S6026**

Measures Considered:

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5996–97**

Pending:

Murray (for Cardin) Modified Amendment No. 1760, to require the Secretary of Transportation to submit to Congress a report relating to the condition of lane miles and highway bridge deck. **Page S5996**

Coburn Amendment No. 1750, to prohibit funds from being directed to federal employees with unpaid Federal tax liability. **Page S5996**

Coburn Amendment No. 1751, to prohibit Federal funding of union activities by Federal employees. **Page S5996**

Coburn Amendment No. 1754, to prohibit Federal funds from being used to meet the matching requirements of other Federal Programs. **Page S5996**

Murphy Amendment No. 1783, to require the Secretary of Transportation to assess the impact on domestic employment of a waiver of the Buy America requirement for Federal-aid highway projects prior to issuing the waiver. **Page S5996**

Jones Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Byron Todd Jones, of Minnesota, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. **Page S5994**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, July 31, 2013. **Page S5994**

Power Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be the Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations. **Page S5994**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Byron Todd Jones, of Minnesota, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. **Page S5994**

Hirozawa Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, July 30, 2013, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S6028**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 93 yeas to 1 nay, 2 responding present (Vote No. EX. 188), James B. Comey, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a term of ten years. **Pages S5997–S6004**

Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination was withdrawn. **Pages S6003–04**

Messages from the House: **Page S6009**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S6009, S6028**

Petitions and Memorials: **Pages S6009–23**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S6023–24**

Additional Statements: **Pages S6008–09**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S6024–26**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—188) **Page S6004**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:47 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6028.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, July 30, 2013.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, *p. D753)*

H.R. 2289, to rename section 219(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA. Signed on July 25, 2013. (Public Law 113–22)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Admiral Cecil E.D. Haney, USN for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Strategic Command, and Lieutenant General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, USA to be general and Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea, both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine mitigating systemic risk in financial markets through Wall Street reforms, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine containing health care costs, focusing on recent progress and remaining challenges, 10:30 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 134, to arrange for the National Academy of Sciences to study the impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children, S. Res. 157, expressing the sense of the Senate that telephone service must be improved in rural areas of the United States and that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas, S. 267, to prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing through port State measures, S. 269, to establish uniform administrative and enforcement authorities for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes, S. 376, to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, S. 839, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, S. 921, to amend chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the rental of motor vehicles that contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety, S. 1068, to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, S. 1072, to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes and the continued development of the general aviation industry, S. 1144, to prohibit unauthorized third-party charges on wireline telephone bills, S. 1254, to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, S. 1317, to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 2014 through 2016, S. 1344, to promote research, monitoring, and observation of the Arctic, an original bill entitled, "Cyber", the nominations

of Jannette Lake Dates, of Maryland, Bruce M. Ramer, of California, Brent Franklin Nelsen, of South Carolina, Howard Abel Husock, of New York, and Loretta Cheryl Sutliff, of Nevada, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Thomas C. Carper, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Thomas Edgar Wheeler, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, Mark E. Schaefer, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and nominations for promotion in the United States Coast Guard, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 37, to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation, S. 343, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, S. 364, to establish the Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, to designate certain Federal land as wilderness, and to improve the management of noxious weeds in the Lewis and Clark National Forest, S. 404, to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, S. 753, to provide for national security benefits for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss, S. 1169, to withdraw and reserve certain public land in the State of Montana for the Limestone Hills Training Area, S. 1294, to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, S. 1300, to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide for the conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects, S. 1301, to provide for the restoration of forest landscapes, protection of old growth forests, and management of national forests in the eastside forests of the State of Oregon, S. 1309, to withdraw and reserve certain public land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior for military uses, H.R. 507, to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, H.R. 862, to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960, H.R. 876, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and H.R. 993 and S. 509, bills to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land to the city of Fruit Heights, Utah, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 1240, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider subcommittee membership and jurisdiction for the 113th Congress, the nominations of Morrell John Berry, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Australia, Patricia Marie Haslach, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Reuben Earl Brigety, II, of Florida, to be Representative to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Daniel A. Clune, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Patrick Hubert Gaspard, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, Joseph Y. Yun, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, James F. Entwistle, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, David D. Pearce, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece, John B. Emerson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, John Rufus Gifford, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Denmark, Denise Campbell Bauer, of California, to be Ambassador to Belgium, and James Costos, of California, to be Ambassador to Spain and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra, all of the Department of State; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Steve A. Linick, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Matthew Winthrop Barzun, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, David Hale, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon, John R. Phillips, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino, Liliana Ayalde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, Kirk W.B. Wagar, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, Daniel A. Sepulveda, of Florida, to be Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Communications and Information Policy in the Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs and U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, Terence Patrick McCulley, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, James C. Swan, of California, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, John R. Phillips, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino, Kenneth Francis Hackett, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, and Alexa Lange Wesner, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, all of the Department of State, 2:15 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine standard essential patent disputes and antitrust law, 10 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 Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2810, the ''Medicare Patient Access and Quality Improvement Act of 2013''; and H.R. 2844, the ''Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2013'', 4 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 30 through August 2, 2013

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at 10:00 a.m., Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Senators should expect consideration of the nominations of Nancy Jean Schiffer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, Byron Todd Jones, of Minnesota, to be Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: July 30, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

August 1, Full Committee, business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Armed Services: July 30, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Admiral Cecil E.D. Haney, USN for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Strategic Command, and Lieutenant General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, USA to be general and Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea, both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: July 30, to hold hearings to examine mitigating systemic risk in financial markets through Wall Street reforms, 10 a.m., SD–538.

July 31, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1376, to improve the Federal Housing Administration and to ensure the solvency of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: July 30, to hold hearings to examine containing health care costs, focusing on recent progress and remaining challenges, 10:30 a.m., SD–608.

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July 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine energy drinks, focusing on exploring concerns about marketing to youth, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

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July 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 1240, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, and ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

July 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine strengthening public health protections by addressing toxic chemical threats, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

July 31, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 398, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, S. 524, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Pike National Historic Trail, S. 618, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain special resource studies, S. 702, to designate the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor as ''The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor'', S. 781, to modify the boundary of Yosemite National Park, S. 782, to amend Public Law 101–377 to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, S. 869, to establish the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area, S. 925, to improve the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site, S. 995, to authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, S. 974, to provide for certain land conveyances in the State of Nevada, S. 1044, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D–Day, June 6, 1944, S. 1071, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make improvements to support facilities for National Historic Sites operated by the National Park Service, S. 1138, to reauthorize the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, S. 1151, to reauthorize the America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership in the State of Iowa, S. 1157, to reauthorize the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and the Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area, S. 1168, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to limit overbroad surveillance requests and expand reporting requirements, S. 1252, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Missisquoi River and the Trout River in the State of Vermont, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1253, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, H.R. 674, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System, H.R. 885, to expand the boundary of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, H.R. 1033 and S. 916, bills to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program, and H.R. 1158, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

August 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the November 6, 2012 referendum on the political status of Puerto Rico and the Administration's response, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: July 31, to hold hearings to examine strengthening public health protections by addressing toxic chemical threats, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: July 31, Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine principles for energy tax reform, 2:30 p.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: July 30, business meeting to consider subcommittee membership and jurisdiction for the 113th Congress, the nominations of Morrell John Berry, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Australia, Patricia Marie Haslach, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Reuben Earl

Brigety II, of Florida, to be Representative to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Daniel A. Clune, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Patrick Hubert Gaspard, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, Joseph Y. Yun, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, James F. Entwistle, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, David D. Pearce, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece, John B. Emerson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, John Rufus Gifford, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Denmark, Denise Campbell Bauer, of California, to be Ambassador to Belgium, and James Costos, of California, to be Ambassador to Spain and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra, all of the Department of State; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Steve A. Linick, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Matthew Winthrop Barzun, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, David Hale, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon, John R. Phillips, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino, Liliana Ayalde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, Kirk W.B. Wagar, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, Daniel A. Sepulveda, of Florida, to be Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Communications and Information Policy in the Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs and U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, Terence Patrick McCulley, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, James C. Swan, of California, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, John R. Phillips, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino, Kenneth Francis Hackett, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, and Alexa Lange Wesner, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, all of the Department of State, 2:15 p.m., SD–419.

July 31, Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine where Turkey is headed, focusing on Gezi Park, Taksim Square, and the future of the Turkish model, 3 p.m., SD–419.

August 1, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, ''Chris Stevens, Sean Smith, Tyrone Woods, and Glen Doherty Embassy Security, Threat Mitigation, and Personnel Protection Act of 2013'', 10:30 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: July 31, business meeting to consider S. 1356, to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth, the nominations of Robert F. Cohen, Jr., of West Virginia, and William Ira Althen, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, Catherine Elizabeth Lhamon, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Civil Rights, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: July 31, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, ''Federal Real Property Asset Management Reform Act'', S. 1360, to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, S. 994, to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, S. 1276, to increase oversight of the Revolving Fund of the Office of Personnel Management, strengthen the authority to terminate or debar employees and contractors involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of security clearance background investigations, enhance transparency regarding the criteria utilized by Federal departments and agencies to determine when a security clearance is required, H.R. 1162, to amend title 31, United States Code, to make improvements in the Government Accountability Office, S. 1348, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act, H.R. 1171, to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property, S. 643, to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government, S. 1045, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that persons having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for Federal employment, S. 233, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the ''Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building'', S. 668, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York, as the ''Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building'', S. 796, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 302 East Green Street in Champaign, Illinois, as the ''James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building'', S. 885, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the ''Thaddeus Stevens Post Office'', S. 1093, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 Caldwell Drive in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, as the ''First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr. Post Office Building'', and the nominations of John H. Thompson, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Census, Department of Commerce, and Katherine Archuleta, of Colorado, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, 10 a.m., SD–342.

July 31, Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine how prepared the National Capital Region is for the next disaster, 2 p.m., SD–342.

August 1, Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine Prisoner of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA) accounting, 10:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: July 31, to hold hearings to examine S. 235, to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, S. 920, to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land, and S. 1352, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-determination Reauthorization Act of 2013, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Select Committee on Intelligence: July 30, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

August 1, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

Committee on the Judiciary: July 30, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine standard essential patent disputes and antitrust law, 10 a.m., SD–226.

July 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine strengthening privacy rights and national security, focusing on oversight of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) surveillance programs, 9 a.m., SH–216.

August 1, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 987, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 933, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018, and 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, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

August 1, Subcommittee on Oversight, Federal Rights and Agency Action, to hold hearings to examine the human cost of regulatory paralysis, 2 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: July 31, to hold hearings to examine preserving the rights of servicemembers, veterans, and their families in the financial marketplace, 10 a.m., SR–418.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, July 31, Full Committee, markup on Interior and Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2014, 11 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, August 1, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled ''Department of Defense's Challenges in Accounting for Missing Persons from Past Conflicts'', 8 a.m., 2213 Rayburn.

August 1, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Initial Conclusions Formed by the Defense Strategic Choices and Management Review'', 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

August 1, Subcommittee on Readiness; and Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, joint subcommittee hearing entitled ''Ensuring Navy surface force effectiveness with limited maintenance resources'', 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, July 31, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''The War on Poverty: A Progress Report'', 12:30 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, July 31, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2810, the ''Medicare Patient Access and Quality Improvement Act of 2013''; and H.R. 2844, the ''Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2013'', 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled ''Oversight of DOE's Strategy for the Management and Disposal of Used Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste'', 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

August 1, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''PPACA Pulse Check'', 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, July 31, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled ''The Iran-Syria Nexus and its Implications for the Region', 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

August 1, Full Committee, markup on the ''Department of State Operations and Embassy Security Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2014'', 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

August 1, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled ''The Trans-Pacific Partnership: Outlook and Opportunities'', 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

August 1, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, joint hearing entitled ''Examining the State Department's Report on Iranian Presence in the Western Hemisphere 19 Years After AMIA Attack'', 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

August 1, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled ''The Impact of U.S. Water Programs on Global Health'', 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, July 31, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency: and Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled ''TSA Integrity Challenges: Examining Misconduct by Airport Security Personnel'', 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

August 1, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technology, hearing entitled ''West Fertilizer, Off the Grid: The Problem of Unidentified Chemical Facilities'', 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

August 2, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Border Security Planning: Applying Overseas Lessons Learned to the Homeland'', 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, July 31, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1123, the ''Unlocking Consumer Choice

and Wireless Competition Act''; H.R. 2542, the ''Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2013''; H.R. 2641, the ''Responsibly And Professionally Invigorating Development Act of 2013''; and H.R. 2655, the ''Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2013'', 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

August 1, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, hearing entitled ''Innovation in America: The Role of Technology'', 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, July 31, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 255, to amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions, and for other purposes; H.R. 553, to designate the exclusive economic zone of the United States as the ''Ronald Wilson Reagan Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States''; H.R. 623, the ''Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Land Transfer Act''; H.R. 908, the ''Green Mountain Lookout Heritage Protection Act''; H.R. 930, the ''New Philadelphia, Illinois, Study Act''; H.R. 1168, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Land Management, to convey to the City of Carlin, Nevada, in exchange for consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States, to any Federal land within that city that is under the jurisdiction of that agency, and for other purposes; H.R. 1170, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey, by quitclaim deed, to the City of Fernley, Nevada, all right, title, and interest of the United States, to any Federal land within that city that is under the jurisdiction of either of those agencies; H.R. 1526, the ''Restoring Healthy Forests for Healthy Communities Act''; H.R. 1684, the ''Ranch A Consolidation and Management Improvement Act''; H.R. 1818, the ''Polar Bear Conservation and Fairness Act of 2013''; H.R. 1963, the ''Bureau of Reclamation Conduit Hydropower Development Equity and Jobs Act''; H.R. 2388, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to take certain Federal lands located in El Dorado County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, and for other purposes; H.R. 2463, the ''Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act''; H.R. 2650 the ''Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Non-Intercourse Act of 2013''; H.R. 2728, the ''Protecting States' Rights to Promote American Energy Security Act''; 10 a.m., 1320 Longworth.

August 1, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Transparency and Sound Science Gone Extinct?: The Impacts of the Obama Administration's Closed-Door Settlements on Endangered Species and People'', 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

August 2, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 2824, the ''Preventing Government Waste and Protecting Coal Mining Jobs in America Act'', 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

August 2, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 2208, the ''North American Wetlands Conservation Extension Act of 2013''; H.R. 2798, to amend Public Law 106–206 to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to require annual permits and assess annual fees for commercial filming activities on Federal land for film crews of 5 persons or fewer; and H.R. 2799, the ''Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act'', 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, July 31, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements, hearing entitled ''Oversight of the IRS's Legal Basis for Expanding ObamaCare's Taxes and Subsidies'', 10:15 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

August 1, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Department of Energy's Bonneville Power Administration: Discriminating Against Veterans and Retaliating Against Whistleblowers'', 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

August 2, Subcommittee on National Security; and Committee on Natural Resources' Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, joint hearing entitled ''Missing Weapons at the National Park Service: Mismanagement and Lack of Accountability'', 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

August 2, Subcommittee on Government Operations hearing entitled ''Examining the Skyrocketing Problem of Identity Theft Related Tax Fraud at the IRS'', 9 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, July 31, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 367, the ''Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2013''; and H.R. 2009, the ''Keep the IRS Off Your Health Care Act of 2013'', 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, July 31, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled ''The Frontiers of Human Brain Research'', 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

August 1, Full Committee, markup on legislation regarding the ''EPA's Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment—A Factual Review of a Hypothetical Scenario''; and authorize the issuance of subpoenas, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, July 31, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime, hearing entitled ''How to Improve the Efficiency, Safety, and Security of Maritime Transportation: Better Use and Integration of Maritime Domain Awareness Data'', 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, August 1, Full Committee, markup on pending legislation, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, July 31, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing entitled ''Improving the Safety Net: Better Coordinating Today's Maze of Programs to Ensure Families Receive Real Help'', 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

August 1, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Status of the Affordable Care Act Implementation'', 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, August 1, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Ongoing Intelligence Activities'', 10 a.m., HVC–304. This is a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: July 31, to hold hearings to examine how tax reform can boost economic growth, focusing on lessons from Reagan, 2 p.m., SD–G50.

August 2, to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for July 2013, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: July 31, to hold hearings to examine implications for economic development in Central Asia, focusing on if the government can create the necessary conditions for more trade and exchange, including infrastructure development, efficient customs regimes and reliable transportation networks, 2 p.m., 340 Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, July 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Tuesday, July 30

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, July 30, 2013.

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