Thursday, May 29, 2014

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed H.R. 4660, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Friday, May 30, 2014.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 4755–4774; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 603, 605–607, were introduced. **Pages H5022–23**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H502324**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 604, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4745) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4681) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–465). **Page H5022**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bentivolio to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4913**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4923**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Rabbi Stephen Roth, Congregation Etiz Chaim, Passaic, New Jersey. **Page H4923**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Gowdy wherein he resigned from the Committee on Education and the Workforce. **Page H4927**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 603, electing certain Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H4927**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015: The House passed H.R. 4660, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, by a yea-and-nay vote of 321 yeas to 87 nays, Roll No. 269. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, May 28th. **Pages H4927–H5016**

Rejected the Moore motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 220 noes with 2 answering ''present'', Roll No. 268. **Pages H5014–16**

Agreed by unanimous consent that, during further consideration of H.R. 4660 in the Committee of the Whole: 1) each amendment (other than pro forma amendments addressed in this order) shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent; 2) each amendment shall not be subject to amendment except that

the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations (or a respective designee) each may offer one pro forma amendment to an amendment for the purpose of debate; and 3) the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations and the subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies thereof may offer pro forma amendments to the bill at any point for the purpose of debate but that no other pro forma amendment to the bill be in order. **Page H4955**

Agreed to:

Gosar amendment that increases funding, by offset, for State and local law enforcement assistance by $8,000,000 for a program to monitor prescription drugs; **Pages H4927–29**

Cohen amendment that increases funding, by offset, for State and local law enforcement assistance by $5,000,000 for grants to address backlogs of sexual assault kits; **Page H4929**

McNerney amendment that was debated on May 29th that increases funding, by offset, for Community Oriented Policing Services by $3,000,000 for improvements in technology (by a recorded vote of 306 ayes to 106 noes, Roll No. 244); **Pages H4932–33**

Bridenstine amendment that was debated on May 29th that increases funding, by offset, for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration by $12,000,000 for weather research (by a recorded vote of 340 ayes to 71 noes, Roll No. 245); **Pages H4933–34**

King (IA) amendment that was debated on May 29th that redirects $5,000,000 in funding within Salaries and Expenses, General Administration, Department of Justice (by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 246); **Page H4934**

Gosar amendment that increases funding, by offset, for State and local law enforcement assistance by $6,000,000 for a veterans treatment courts program; **Pages H4941–42**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of May 28, 2014) that increases funding, by offset, for Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs by $500,000; **Pages H4942–43**

Delaney amendment that increases funding, by offset, for State and local law enforcement assistance by $1,000,000 for existing evidence-based criminal justice programs; **Pages H4943–44**

Connolly amendment that increases funding, by offset, for State and local law enforcement assistance by $1,000,000 for a veterans treatment courts program; **Pages H4944–45**

Gallego amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Office of Violence Against Women by $2,500,000 for rural domestic violence and child abuse enforcement assistance grants; **Pages H4945–46**

Gosar amendment that increases funding, by offset, for State and local law enforcement assistance by $4,250,000 for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program; **Pages H4946–47**

Grayson amendment (No. 18 printed in the Congressional Record of May 28, 2014) that increases funding by $3,000,000 under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Memorial Assistance Grant program for competitive grants to distribute firearm safety materials and gun locks; **Pages H4949–50**

Kaptur amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Space Technology by $7,000,000; **Pages H4955–57**

Thompson (CA) amendment that was debated on May 28th that increases funding, by offset, for the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by $19,500,000 (by a recorded vote of 260 ayes to 145 noes with 1 answering ''present'', Roll No. 249); **Pages H4964–65**

Smith (TX) amendment that redirects $15,350,000 in funding within the National Science Foundation (by a recorded vote of 208 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 252); **Pages H4957–59, H4966–67**

Hastings (WA) amendment that prohibits funds under the heading ''Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery'' from being used for grant guidelines or requirements to establish minimum riparian buffers; **Pages H4974–75**

Engel amendment that prohibits funds from being used to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles for any executive fleet, or for an agency's fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential Memorandum—Federal Fleet Performance, dated May 24, 2011; **Pages H4976–77**

Grayson amendment (No. 21 printed in the Congressional Record of May 28, 2014) that prohibits funds from being used to enter into a contract with any offeror or any of its principals if that offeror has (A) within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for commission of a fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violating Federal criminal tax laws, or receiving stolen property; or (B) are presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated above in subsection (A); or (C) within a three-year period preceding this offer, has been notified of any delinquent

Federal taxes in an amount that exceeds $3,000 for which the liability remains unsatisfied; **Page H4982**

Flores amendment that prohibits funds from being used to implement Executive Order 13547 (75 Fed. Reg. 43023, relating to the stewardship of oceans, coasts, and the Great Lakes), including the National Ocean Policy developed under such Executive Order; **Pages H4987–88**

Poe (TX) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enforce section 221 of title 13, United States Code, with respect to the American Community Survey; **Page H4988**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of May 28, 2014) that prohibits funds for Department of Justice—Administrative Review and Appeals from being used in contravention of sections 509 and 510 of title 28, United States Code; **Pages H4988–90**

Huffman amendment that prohibits funds from being used to assess or collect the fee established by section 660.115 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations; **Pages H4991–92**

Ellison amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of (1) the Fifth and 14th Amendments to the Constitution; (2) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; (3) Section 809(c)(1) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968; or (4) Section 210401(a) of the Violent Crime and Law Enforcement Act of 1994; **Page H4993**

Perry amendment that prohibits funds from being used for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Advanced Food Technology Project; **Page H4993**

Broun (GA) amendment that prohibits funds from being used under the heading ''Economic Development Administration, Economic Development Assistance Programs'' for a loan guarantee for Innovative Technologies in Manufacturing; **Pages H4994–95**

Grayson amendment that prohibits funds from being used to negotiate an agreement that includes a waiver of the ''Buy American Act''; **Page H4995**

Salmon amendment that prohibits funds made available to the National Science Foundation from being used to examine climate effects on tea quality and socioeconomic responses; **Pages H4995–96**

Perry amendment that prohibits funds from being used to design, implement, administer, or carry out the U.S. Global Climate Research Program National Climate Assessment, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Fifth Assessment Report, the United Nation's Agenda 21 sustainable development plan, or the May 2013 Technical Update of the Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Impact Analysis Under Executive Order 12866; **Pages H4998–99**

Luetkemeyer amendment that prohibits funds from being used to carry out Operation Choke Point; **Pages H5001–02**

Collins (GA) amendment (No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of May 28, 2014) that prohibits funds from being used to provide assistance to a State, or political subdivision of a State, that has in effect any law, policy, or procedure in contravention of immigration laws; **Pages H5003–05**

Walberg amendment that prohibits funds from being used for the Investigative and Public Affairs Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation except for the Ten Most Wanted Fugitives, the Most Wanted Terrorists, and missing children programs (agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the request for a recorded vote to the end that the amendment stand adopted pursuant to the earlier voice vote thereon); **Pages H4981–82**

Bonamici amendment that prohibits funds from being used to prevent a State from implementing its own State laws that authorize the use, distribution, possession, or cultivation of industrial hemp, as defined in section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 170 noes, Roll No. 257); **Pages H4979–81, H5007–08**

Rohrabacher amendment (No. 25 printed in the Congressional Record of May 28, 2014) that prohibits funds from being used to prevent certain States from implementing their own State laws that authorize the use, distribution, possession, or cultivation of medical marijuana (by a recorded vote of 219 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 258); **Pages H4982–85, H5008**

Holding amendment that prohibits funds from being used to transfer or temporarily assign employees to the Office of the Pardon Attorney for the purpose of screening clemency applications (by a recorded vote of 219 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 259); **Pages H4986–87, H5008–09**

Massie amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 7606 (''Legitimacy of Industrial Hemp Research'') of the Agricultural Act of 2014 by the Department of Justice or the Drug Enforcement Administration (by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 162 noes, Roll No. 260); **Pages H4990–01, H5009–10**

Grayson amendment that prohibits funds from being used to compel a journalist or a reporter to testify about information or sources that the journalist or reporter states in a motion to quash the subpoena that he has obtained as a journalist or reporter and that he regards as confidential (by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 263); **Pages H4996–97, H5011–12**

Duffy amendment that prohibits funds from being used to relinquish the responsibility of the NTIA

with respect to Internet domain name system functions, including responsibility with respect to the authoritative root zone file and the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority functions (by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 264);

Pages H4999, H5012

Garrett amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Department of Justice to enforce the Fair Housing Act in a manner that relies upon an allegation of liability under 24 C.F.R. 100.500 (by a recorded vote of 216 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 265); **Pages H4999–H5001, H5012–13**

King (IA) amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 266); and

Pages H5002–03, H5013

Meadows amendment that prohibits funds from being used to negotiate or enter into a trade agreement that establishes a limit on greenhouse gas emissions (by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 267). **Pages H5003, H5013–14**

Rejected:

Pompeo amendment that was debated on May 28th that sought to eliminate funding for the Economic Development Administration and apply the $247,500,000 in savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 129 ayes to 280 noes, Roll No. 243); **Pages H4931–32**

Cohen amendment that was debated on May 28th that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Administrative Review and Appeals by $2,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 127 ayes to 282 noes, Roll No. 247); **Pages H4934–35**

Cohen amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Legal Services Corporation by $15,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 248); **Pages H4929–31, H4935–40**

Kildee amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives by $15,000,000;

Pages H4940–41

Kilmer amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for State and local law enforcement assistance by $2,000,000 for economic, high technology, and Internet crime prevention grants;

Pages H4948–49

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Office of Science and Technology Policy by $1,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H4953–55**

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for the National Science Foundation by $67,330,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H4959–61**

Polis amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Drug Enforcement Administration by $35,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 66 ayes to 339 noes, Roll No. 250); **Pages H4965–66**

Cicilline amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for State and local law enforcement assistance by $8,500,000 for Project Safe Neighborhoods (by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 251); **Pages H4947–48, H4966**

Austin Scott (GA) amendment that sought to eliminate funding for the Legal Services Corporation and apply the $350,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 116 ayes to 290 noes, Roll No. 253);

Pages H4961–63,H4967–68

Moran amendment (No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of May 28, 2014) that sought to strike sections 528 and 529, which prohibit funds from being used to transfer or release any detainee who is or was held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba or construct, acquire, or modify any facility in the U.S. to house any detainee held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 254); **Pages H4970–72, H5005–06**

Blackburn amendment (No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of May 28, 2014) that sought to reduce the funds made available by this Act by 1%, with the exception of certain funds of the FBI (by a recorded vote of 148 ayes to 253 noes, Roll No. 255); **Pages H4976, H5006**

Blackburn amendment (No. 15 printed in the Congressional Record of May 28, 2014) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for operation, renovation, or construction at Thomson Correctional Facility in Illinois (by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 256); **Pages H4977–79, H5006–07**

Southerland amendment (No. 24 printed in the Congressional Record of May 28, 2014) that sought to prohibit funds from being used to develop, approve, or implement a new limited access privilege program that is not already developed, approved, or implemented for any fishery under the jurisdiction of the South Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, New England, or Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 261); and **Pages H4992–93, H5010**

Ellison amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to enter into a contract with any person whose disclosures of a proceeding with a disposition outlined in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System include the term ''Fair Labor Standards Act'' (by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 262).

Pages H4993–94, H5010–11

Withdrawn:

Costa amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased by $230,000,000 the amount available to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel of the Department of Justice during fiscal year 2015 from the fund established by section 1402 of Public Law 98–473; **Pages H4963–64**

Esty amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have struck section 539, which prohibits funds from being used to require a person licensed under section 923 of title 18, United States Code, to report information to the Department of Justice regarding the sale of multiple rifles or shotguns to the same person; **Pages H4972–74**

Doyle amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required the Secretary of Commerce, the United States Trade Representative, and United States International Trade Commission to jointly submit a report to Congress on their respective authorities to impose sanctions against corporations or other legal entities that benefit from utilizing trade secrets or other information; **Pages H4975–76**

Grayson amendment (No. 20 printed in the Congressional Record of May 28, 2014) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used by the Federal Bureau of Prisons to solicit, offer, or award a contract in which the Federal government is required to provide a minimum number of inmates to a private correctional institution or a private detention center; **Pages H4985–86**

Gosar amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used to obtain the contents of wire or electronic communications in a remote computing service as described in section 2703(b)(1)(B) of title 18, United States Code; and **Page H4998**

Hudson amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used for any program not authorized by law as of the date of the enactment of this Act. **Page H5003**

Point of Order sustained against:

Jeffries amendment that sought to allocate no less than $5,000,000 under Community Oriented Policing Services for programs to increase and enhance proactive crime control and prevention programs involving law enforcement officers and young persons in the community; **Pages H4950–51**

Grayson amendment (No. 19 printed in the Congressional Record of May 28, 2014) that sought to include incest as an exception under the provisions of Sec. 202; and **Pages H4951–53**

Gosar amendment that prohibits funds from being used to conduct various studies listed in the amendment. **Pages H4997–98**

H. Res. 585, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4660) and (H.R. 4435), was agreed to on Tuesday, May 20th.

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the brave Americans who lost their lives on the beach of Normandy, France on June 6, 1944. **Page H4932**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and 26 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4932, H4932–33, H4933, H4934, H4934–35, H4935, H4964–65, H4965, H4966, H4966–67, H4967, H5005–06, H5006, H5006–07, H5007–08, H5008, H5008–09, H5009–10, H5010, H5010–11, H5011, H5012, H5012–13, H5013, H5014, H5015–16, and H5016. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:17 a.m. on Friday, May 30th.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill FY 2015. The bill was ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a markup on the discussion draft of Promoting New Manufacturing Act. The discussion draft was approved, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1771, to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4449, to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to expand the training for Federal Government personnel related to trafficking in persons, and for other purposes. The bills were ordered reported, without amendment.

U.S. LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS OPTION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled ''Energy Needs in Asia: The U.S. Liquefied Natural Gas Option''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LESSONS FROM THE LAX SHOOTING: AIRPORT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled "Lessons from the LAX Shooting: Airport and Law Enforcement Perspectives". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security". Testimony was heard from Jeh Johnson, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 2175, the "World War II Memorial Prayer Act of 2013"; H.R. 2569, the "Upper Missisquoi and Trout Wild and Scenic Rivers Act"; H.R. 3606, the "Emigrant Wilderness Historical Use Preservation Act of 2013"; H.R. 4296, to amend Public Law 94–241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands; H.R. 4350, the "Northern Cheyenne Lands Act"; and H.R. 4742, the "Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act". The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2175; H.R. 2569; H.R. 3606; H.R. 4296; H.R. 4350; and H.R. 4742.

PSEUDO-CLASSIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH DOCUMENTS: PROBLEMS WITH THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION'S USE OF THE SENSITIVE SECURITY INFORMATION DESIGNATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled "Pseudo-Classification of Executive Branch Documents: Problems with the Transportation Security Administration's Use of the Sensitive Security Information Designation". Testimony was heard from Annmarie Lontz, Division Director, Office of Security, Services and Assessments, Transportation Security Administration; John Fitzpatrick, Director, Information Security Oversight Office, National Archives and Records Administration; and a public witness.

"INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014 AND 2015"; AND TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT FY 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4681, the "Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015"; and Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act FY 2015. The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule for H.R. 4745. The rule provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also provides a structured rule for H.R. 4681. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. 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 113–45 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report and amendments en bloc described in the rule. Provides that the amendments printed in the report 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 or against amendments en bloc. The rule provides that it shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and

ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 3, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from June 2, 2014, through June 6, 2014: 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. In section 4, 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. In section 5, the rule provides that the Committee on Appropriations may, at any time before 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2014, file privileged reports to accompany measures making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. In section 6, the rule provides that House Resolution 567 is amended to provide that the Chair of the Benghazi Select Committee may authorize travel consistent with other committees. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rogers (MI); and Representatives Ruppersberger; Schakowsky; Schiff; Latham; Pastor (AZ); and Pitts.

EXAMINING THE UN INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE PROCESS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Examining the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Process''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EPA'S 'WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES' RULE DROWN SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Will EPA's 'Waters of the United States' Rule Drown Small Businesses?''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ASSESSING INADEQUACIES IN VA DATA USAGE FOR AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO VISUALLY-IMPAIRED VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled ''Assessing Inadequacies in VA Data Usage for and Services Provided to Visually-Impaired Veterans''. Testimony was heard from Maureen McCarthy, M.D., Deputy Chief Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Lorraine Landfried, Deputy Chief Information Officer for Product Development, Office of Information Technology, Office of Information Technology.

DEFINED EXPECTATIONS: EVALUATING VA'S PERFORMANCE IN THE SERVICEMEMBER TRANSITION PROCESS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled ''Defined Expectations: Evaluating VA's Performance in the Servicemember Transition Process''. Testimony was heard from Nancy E. Weaver, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Warrior Care Policy, Department of Defense.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 2807, the ''Conservation Easement Incentive Act of 2013''; H.R. 4619, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the rule allowing certain tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes; H.R. 4719, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory; H.R. 3134, the ''Charitable Giving Extension Act''; H.R. 4691, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the tax rate for excise tax on investment income of private foundations; and H.R. 4718, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2807; H.R. 4619; H.R. 4719; H.R. 3134; H.R. 4691; and H.R. 4718.

PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS AMONG CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the use of psychotropic medications among children in foster care. Testimony was heard from Joo Yeun Chang, Associate Commissioner, Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Stephen Lord, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Services, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING; AND ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a business meeting on Technical and Tactical Intelligence report; member access requests; and hearing entitled ''Ongoing Intelligence Activities''. Access was granted to two members; and the Technical and Tactical Subcommittee report was adopted.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, markup on Defense Appropriations Bill FY 2015, 8:30 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled ''Department of Energy Oversight: Status of Loan Programs'', 9:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled ''Tiananmen 25 Years Later: Six Leaders Who Were There'', 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, markup on H.R. 4640, the ''Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission Act of 2014'', 9:30 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Over-Criminalization Task Force, on discussing penalties, 9 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Friday, May 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, May 30

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 4681—Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015 (Subject to a Rule).

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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